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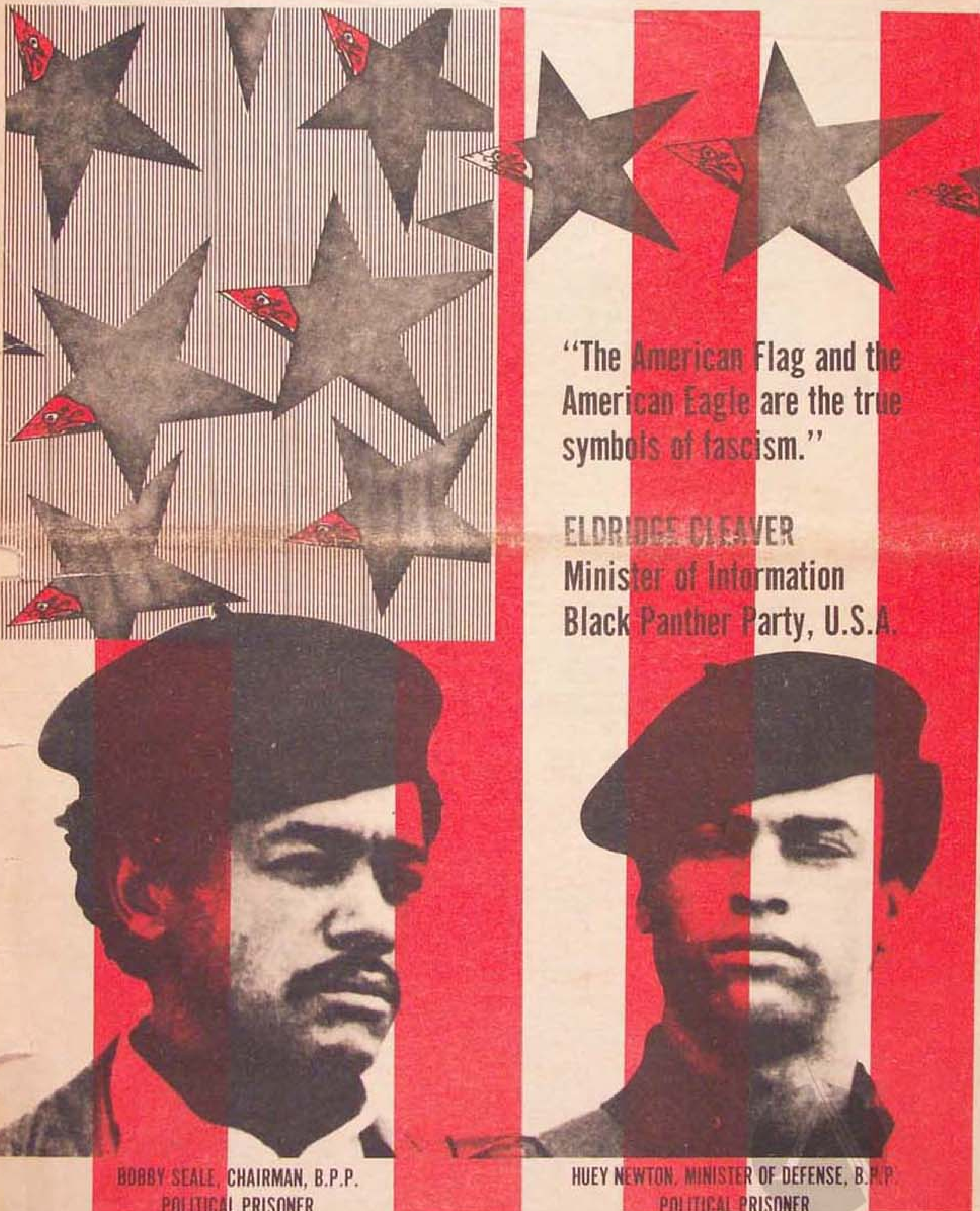


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FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Victors Prove The L.A. Judicial System To Be A Lie, Farce and Mockery Of Justice

During the course of the preliminary hearing of the L.A. Panthers in the fascist kangaroo court of Judge Harvey Brown, the most rediculous and outlandish display of injustice have occurred outside of Hoffman's court in Chicago.

On Tuesday, January 13, several clear examples of this were made:

1) Tommye Williams' attorney, Silver, demanded that he be given any statements the DA had attained in order to cross-examine the so-called witnesses, all of whom are pigs. He added that he had asked the DA for these statements time and again and had received no reply. Attorney Branton added to that demand by saying that by law these documents were supposed to be furnished to the defense. "Harvey Hitler" said that he wasn't going to tell the DA how to run his office and that was that.

2) Then the main event--succession of pigs began filing in, so-called witnesses to support the pig DA, Steven Trott, claimed that the Panthers have always acted "violently" towards the pigs.

There was a pig, Derein, who claims that all during the month of November, 1969, he had been watching our community center on the west side, the Walter Toure Pope Community Center. His contribution was, that he had observed Panthers "fortifying" that center with sand bags, reinforcement of doors, etc. He then went on to oink out that with his superhuman vision and memory he had specifically seen Albert Armour at 10 o'clock at night on November 13, sitting on the porch of that center holding a rifle.

When this allegedly happened, Al supposedly jumped up, went to the doorway while another Panther supposedly stood behind him with another gun pointed down at their car. His identification of this other Panther was by pointing out brother Wayne Pharr in the courtroom. He said that the same brother on November 5th, had been on the front porch and argued with him saying things like, the pigs days were over and so forth. He said he even knew this Panther's name, "his name is Paul Redd." Yet he had identified the brother as Wayne Pharr. The whole courtroom roared with laughter.

When this pig was cross-examined by Attorney McKissick, he admitted that the community center was under surveillance all the time and that in the evening 15 cars usually road in the immediate area.

His stupid partner, Staggs, was next, a recent import from Texas with a drawal to prove it. He also seemed to remember that incident which his partner related about the two Panthers at the doorway of the community center with a rifle on them. Only he identified one of the Panther's as Will Stafford. When Branton asked this fool how he remembered exactly who this person had been he said that first because he had a photostatic memory when his life was in danger and secondly because he remembered that man to be a "negra" with a short haircut and round face.

3) Leo Branton, our chief counsel, put forth a motion to ask that the jail conditions be improved that for one thing there were rats in the cell.

"Harvey Hitler" declared that he had recently visited the jail and in fact, Panthers were better off than some of the other prisoners. At this moment four of the brothers jumped up and produced four rats, one each, which they had caught in their cells. The rats were all held on strings attached to their tails. At this point the courtroom was in an uproar and the judge issued his great official statement, "Those are not rats, they're mice." However, Branton insisted that the record show that the brothers had held up four rodents which they had caught in their jail cells.

4) More insanity continued when a pig, Lt. Morton, testified that he had allegedly been assaulted with a deadly weapon by two of the defendants when he had entered the Panthers headquarter's. He claimed that even though he was not in uniform, he did identify himself as a police officer and had held his hands in plain view to prove that he had no gun in his hands. He was still told to leave the office at the point of a gun. He claimed that he had only gone into the building to investigate a complaint made by the store owner next door about the loud noises made by a record player. He said he identified the voice on the record as being that of one, Eldridge Cleaver.

Branton asked if it was his intention to perhaps find Eldridge Cleaver inside that building? Pig Morton just oinked something about that under no circumstances did he expect to find Eldridge Cleaver in the building.

By this time, and apparently due to previous times fascist Judge Brown insisted that Branton conduct himself like other lawyers or that he learn to "behave". Branton told this fool that he could not possibly conduct himself like other attorneys but only like Leo Brown as he was no one else.

This executioner of justice declared that if Mr. Branton did not see fit to conduct himself better or to behave, that the court would then have to deny or overrule every motion Mr. Branton made until he learned better.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Southern California Chapter

RALLY FOR L.A. PANTHERS

On Tuesday, January 6th, approximately 500 people gathered in front of the Hall of "In-Justice" in downtown Los Angeles to show their support for the 19 Panthers who were going to preliminary hearings. The people (most Black) were enthusiastical in showing their support of the brave and courageous men and women--Panthers--who had survived the vicious gestapo attack on last December 8th. They shouted and screamed to the Panthers, "All Power to the People--Free All Political Prisoners", and they were heard in the 7th floor courtroom.

The variety of speakers showed to anyone who had eyes that the masses of people--Black, White, and Brown--were clear on who the friends of the people are and who their enemies are. The people understood and made it clear that the Black Panther Party was in fact the vanguard of the struggle for liberation of Black people in particular and all oppressed people in general. The speakers included the Black Panther Party Minister of Education, Raymond "Masai" Hewitt; Joe Serta, President of the L.A. Grape Boycott of the United Farm Workers; Marque Neal from the Che-Lumumba Club; Father Blase Bonpane, a Catholic priest; Earl Raines, Executive Director of the L.A. Branch of the NAACP; Lugo, Field Marshal of the Young Lords; Julian Dixon, Administrative Assistant to State Senator Mervyn Dymally; and Mrs. Iona Murphy, a beautiful sister from the Black community, who has since December 8th, had a Free Breakfast for Children Program and Dinner Program in her own home.

Inside the fascist courtroom, the 19 brothers and sisters sat chained, waiting to watch the injustice of the pig power structure meted out to them. But when they had entered pig Judge Brown's den, they lifted the spirits of all the people around them. They marched in with the dignity of the courageous warriors they are, dressed in Panther colors of blue and black. They were beautiful, and it was clear, crystal clear, by looking at them, that the prison has no victory over a revolutionary, because with the masses of people outside supporting them, a revolutionary may be jailed, but the revolution can't be jailed.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



L. A. RALLY, JANUARY 6, 1969

PRISONERS ARE DENIED HEALTH RIGHTS

The concern of active L.A. medical groups continues long after the unwarranted raids by the LAPD on the offices of the Black Panther Party on December 8, 1969.

Arrested Panthers have been victims of medical abuse which has endangered their health and denied their basic rights to receive medical treatment. These practices are by no means reserved solely for members of the Black Panther Party, although the treatment they receive is often much more severe than that reserved for other prisoners.

There is increasing evidence that an investigation is needed in order to insure that all prisoners receive prompt and adequate medical treatment. This is their right and not a privilege which must be earned.

The denial of health rights of prisoners has been practiced in the following ways:

1. Delayed x-rays and medical treatment of prisoners injured before arrest and/or beaten after arrest.

Note: Paul Redd, age 19, arrested uninjured on December 8, 1969. He drew revolutionary art on the wall of his jail cell and on December 14, his right hand was deliberately kicked and stepped on and he was placed in the "adjustment center". To date, his swollen hand has not been x-rayed to rule out fractures, nor has he been seen by a doctor.

Note: Gilbert Parker, age 19, left hand hit with a gun butt, did not receive x-rays until seen 5 days after arrest, by an outside doctor.

Note: Sharon Williams, age 20, suffered bruised ribs when thrown down stairs during arrest, December 8, 1969. She was seen by an outside doctor on December 12, 1969 and told not to climb onto the top bunk because of the condition of her ribs. Sharon pointed this out to the guards and, as a consequence, was placed in an "adjustment center". (the hole)

2. Prison authorities have refused permission for outside doctors to examine prisoners or have access to their medical records.

Official channels were used to receive permission for outside doctors to see injured and sick prisoners on three occasions, but these channels were suddenly closed when the concerned medical workers attempted to remedy the inadequacies in medical treatment given in jails.

Note: Dr. Robert Peck visited four prisoners in the jail ward at L.A. County General Hospital on Tuesday, December 9, 1969.

Note: Dr. Gail Fisher visited two men at the new county jail and the four women at the women's county jail on Friday, December 12, 1969. She was not allowed to see the medical record of Tommye Williams, seriously injured.

Note: Dr. Jim Klein visited one male prisoner on Saturday, December 13.

Since the above dates, no outside doctor has been allowed to visit any of the prisoners. Telephone calls to the medical director, Dr. Grahan, have been ignored.

3. Deliberate attempts have been made to induce illness or injury through beatings and other physical abuse, through denial of hygiene measures and proper environment and through denial of medication ordered by physicians.

These abuses have been perpetrated by the prison guards and nurses and other personnel responsible for the safety and welfare of prisoners.

Note: Prisoners exposed to tear gas before and during arrest were unable to bathe if they were: a) lacking funds to purchase soap, b) absent on the day the once weekly showers are available to those in cell blocks, c) in the "adjustment center" (hole) where showers are not available. As a consequence, the irritating gas powder remained on skin and clothing.

Note: Prisoners isolated in the militant tank or "adjustment center" are kept alone for long periods of time. No visitors are allowed except attorneys. The social isolation causes mental problems in many cases. This isolation is present for anyone in the infirmary of the Sybil Brand Institute (Women's County Jail). One Panther is detained there: Tommye Williams, age 20, injured in the raid on the Central Headquarters on Central Avenue. She has been confined to a single room since her transfer from the LACGH. Her mother was not allowed to visit until 10 days after arrest. Tommye does not have visitors or contact with anyone except the attorneys.

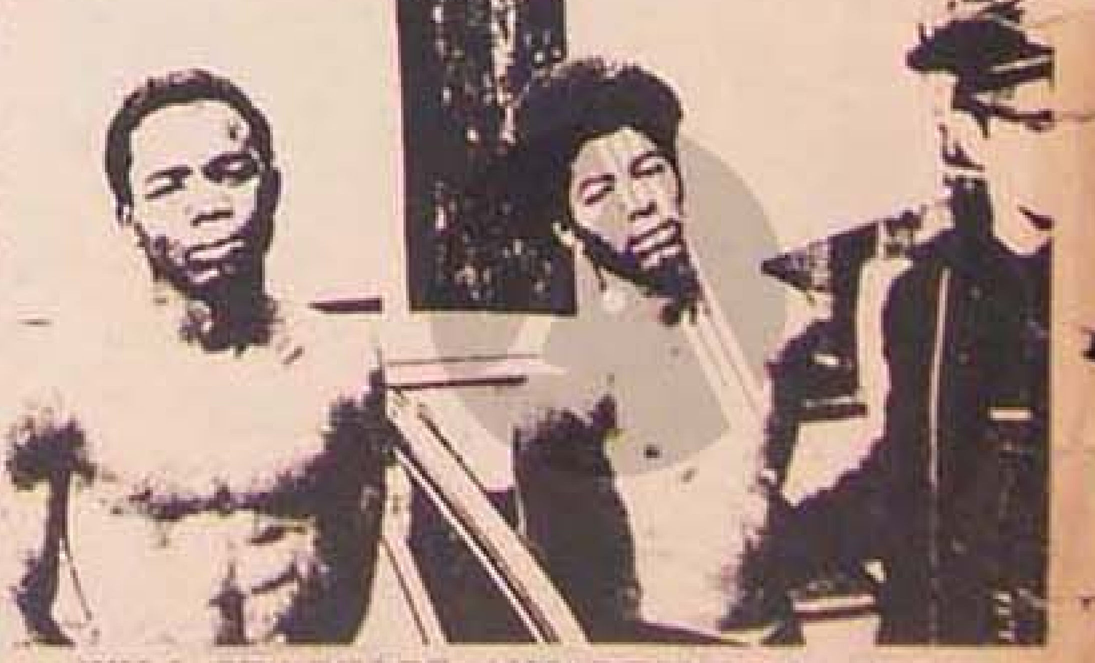
Note: Several male Panthers held in detention in the County Jail were not removed with other men when toilets backed up spilling into the small cell.

Note: Several male Panthers in the Hall of Justice have been exposed daily to chilling temperatures with windows opened heat in the early AM hours.

Note: A petition has been signed by women prisoners in 12 dorms at the Sybil Brand Institute. It protests the poor medical treatment and names the nurse supervisor as one of the principle offenders. She has been accused of tearing up doctor's prescriptions, refusing to give medication on order and refusing to answer requests for medical treatment, some of it for emergencies. (There are several epileptics there. One died on December 26, 1969.)

The rights to a healthful environment and health care are undeniable and yet, they are being denied daily in prisons and jails. You are asked to join other groups and individuals in forming a nation-wide investigation of prisons and jails. The lack of regularly available medical and mental health treatment requires pressure from outside sources to ensure treatment for prisoners. This is a deplorable condition which must be remedied immediately.

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FRED HAMPTON, MURDERED BY PIGS

Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton, Drugged Then Murdered

Murder. Premeditated-planned murder. That is what we charged State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan and his policemen with in the deaths of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark. And all events and evidence since the raid have supported this contention.

On Monday, January 4, 1970, Ill. Deputy Minister of Defense Bobby Rush released recently acquired information, at a press conference, that Fred had been drugged before his death. Pathologist, Dr. Victor Levine, found between 4.1 and 4.5 per cent of the drug, seconal, present in his body, enough to prevent any man from moving or raising himself from sleep. Thus, not only did the pigs pave their entrance with gun-shot fire and proceed to make Fred's body one of their main targets, but they made sure that he would be asleep (non-resisting) so that they would have no problems killing him. The pigs have obviously taken the motto, "Drug to prevent defense." Lies spread by State Attourney's policemen that Fred Hampton shot a weapon several times, or that he even attempted to do so must be regarded as treacherous prefabrications that go nowhere in blinding us to what really happened. Many consequences can now be seen as a result of this information, all clearly and openly pointing to planned assassination.

On December 11, 1969, Hanrahan released "exclusive" information, to the Chicago Tribune (voice of conservatism and racism) which included four pictures of what he claimed were bullet-holes, resulting from shots fired by persons inside the apartment at the time of the raid. On December 12, 1969, all of Chicago and the world knew, as investigation revealed, that those "bullet - holes" weren't bullet-holes, but were nail holes. Where do the lies end? A more appropriate name for the all time "exclusive" would have been the "news abusive".

About three weeks after the raid, the apartment in which the murders took place was ordered closed by the coroner's office. Why? The explanation given was that it was felt that certain valuable evidence that could be used in court. The fact of the matter is that hundreds of people each day (and the no. was increasing) toured the apartment, noting the shot-up walls, doors, furniture, clothing, and also the blood stains on the mattress and on the floor. Consequently, they Ribbon" jury. The man chosen to preside over the inquest, Martin S. Gerber, has been, as one journalist pointed out, "the biggest detriment to the search for truth," Gerber, (handpicked lackey,) on numerous occassions has taken it upon himself to reply for pig witnesses when they are questioned by attorney's representing the Panthers. Thus, he has been one of the most obvious and chief tools used to cloud the truth.

All of the events mentioned are part of an interwoven tapestry of deceit to conceal the act of murder. But already, the tapestry is shredding, is wearing thin, and the fascist intentichs are being exposed.

The murders of Fred and Mark, and the manner in which they were murdered, shows very clearly that the power structure utilizes the most depraved men, who in turn utilize the most depraved methods, to eradicate the people's warriors. But we see no reason for this to continue, and call for an immediate end. Not only do we call for an end, but we call for resistance.



SMILING PIGS CARRY FRED'S BODY

FRED HAMPTON- MARK CLARK INQUEST

The Fred Hampton, Mark Clark inquest began today with obvious attempts by the Daley-Conlisk-Hanrahan pig structure to put a smokescreen over the whole issue.



MARK CLARK, MURDERED BY PIGS

The white-washing, an attempt to justify the actions of Daley and his Irish side-kick Hanrahan, began with the presence of an illegal and, unconstitutional jury. The jury was composed of middle-class senior citizens who have no idea of the trials and tribulations of poor, oppressed, Black people. The constitution guarantees us the right to be tried by a peer group (people from our social, economic, and ethnic communities). But the jury, hand-picked by Daley's lacky coroner Andrew Toman is truly unconstitutional.

In addition to the white-wash jury, Daley/Hanrahan have selected Asst, States Atty. Thomas Hett- a man who last year threatened to quit because of Hanrahan's lies concerning the murder of Michael and John Soto, to cover up the crimes and take the heat off the real murderers, mayor (shoot to kill) Daley and Edward (war on young people) Hanrahan. Monday, the Party discovered evidence showing that Deputy Chairman Fred was drugged before he was murdered. The test was made by a pathologist hired by the Deputy Chairman's family who claimed that "I found between 4.1 and 4.5 percent of seconal present." This is enough to prevent any man from moving or raising himself from a sleep to engage in a shoot-out.

The news conference that was held to disclose this information was blacked out to keep the public from getting this information. We claim that an infiltrator slipped the drug to Fred, because the Deputy Chairman (like all Panthers) didn't use drugs. This also shows that the democrats of Chicago are in cahoots with the republicans of the White House since J. Edgar Hoover admitted that he pays (either money or under threat of incarceration) agents to infiltrate the People's Party.

We are asking the people to come to the inquest and see for themselves that the fascist-racist power structure doesn't respect us or intend to give us due process of law.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Panther, An Epileptic, Seeks His Freedom

New York (LNS) -- As the Panther 21 trial nears, a campaign has been opened to obtain the release of one of the defendants, Lee Berry.

Lee Berry is an epileptic who has been held in maximun security since he was arrested in his bed at the Veterans Hospital last April. He has been denied the medical attention necessary to someone in his serious condition, and has had eight seizures through the last nine months. On one occasion, last August, after he had been given sedatives, he was unable to respond to the demands of guards coming around for a "count". The guards punished him for this failure to respond with a severy beating.

However, it was not until December that he was finally transferred to the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital -- after he had gone into a coma. Shortly afterwards, his wife was informed that he had undergone an emergency appendectomy, and a few days after that she was told that he was under neuro-observation and in critical condition. Police kept his room tightly guarded and he can receive no visitors.

It is clear that while the situation persists. Lee Berry's life is endangered. Lee Berry is in no condition to jump bail; he is not even well enough to begin preparing a defense for his upcoming trial. He must be set free so that he can obtain the medical treatment he requires.

A demonstration was held in front of Bellevue Hospital on Dec. 3, with participants from the Republic of New Africa, Youth Against War and Fascism, the Young Socialist Alliance, the Panthers and other organizations putting forth their demands.

LEE BERRY MUST BE SET FREE

Social Practice Proves To Be The Criterion Of Truth

Dear Brothers,

My name is Sam Alston and I have a subscription with the paper.

Brothers, I need help. I wrote a letter to the editor of my college's paper and quoted Brother Eldridge Cleaver, "The United States is not a democratic power. It is a cruel fascist country...I also quoted this from him, "The American flag and the American eagle are the true symbols of fascism." The President (of the school) is trying to kick me out now because I voiced my belief.

This pig thinks that putting me off campus will stop what I'm starting. He doesn't realize that his actions are proving my point. Dig this, he had the editors confiscate all the papers that were being circulated which had my letter in it.

I need your help brothers because I have no one on campus who will support me, the other Blacks (only 17 in all) don't want to get involved. I have to face this President Pig in their Southern town all alone. But I'm not afraid because we are right and I will never be put down again. But since I don't have anything to were unanimously proclaiming "murder". At this point the coroner's office, with very probable pressure from police officials, felt compelled to close the apartment. The apartment was one of the best educational centers on how fascism is perpetrated.

And this week began the inquest into the deaths of Fred and Mark, by a Cook County (so called) "Blue back me up, this pig is going to trip and kick me out--"Lambuth College doesn't need students like me."

I am going to wave a carbon copy of this letter in his face until I hear from you.

Resistance by the people. Resistance to lies, and deceit, and brutality, and murder. Resistance to terror. Resistance that crushes fascism.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE! RESIST!
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POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Sam Alston

P.S. I am sending this letter to the newspaper because I don't know where else to send it.

SHARON: ON PRISON CONDITIONS

While being held captive by the oppressive forces of racist Babylon, in one of their many dungeons, I've witnessed too many overt critical acts of oppression to be silent.

A girl was admitted into the infirmary while kicking an "acid trip." Instead of being locked in a padded cell where she would not hurt herself she was put in a solitary room with a regular steel frame bed. The girl began beating her head violently against the bed frame. A pig on duty called the nurse (Miss Keeler) and told her the girl was killing herself. Keeler states "Let her". Keeler did not go down to the girl's room until 20 minutes later and by that time the girl had beaten her head to the point of compete disfiguration - all you saw was blood all over everywhere....the girl died before she reached the hospital.

An epileptic has to have a siezure before receiving any medication, and even then its doubtful that you'll receive it regularly. Two girls in the same ward had seizures every night. We requested a tongue depressor from the so-called nurse and she stated that if they need anything to push the "call" button, (which they never answer). All night one had a seizure and we turned on six "call" buttons and banged on the door... no one came at no time during the night-we ended up using a tooth brush stick to make sure the girl didn't bite off her tongue.

When inmates go up to the infirmary for their regular medication they often find that one of the nurses tore up her medication card. This prevents them from receiving any medicine. If you should, by chance end up in "lock-up"--you may eat cheese sandwiches. if you eat at all. You share your 2X4 cell with 2 other people (2 of whom sleep on the floor). I was there- for five days I was there because I was told to sleep on a top bunk and I refused (under my doctor's orders). I couldn't climb up due to the fact that my ribs were severely bruised by the pigs and I was in constant pain. While there I was taken off my medication and by the time I got out I was almost too weak to stand up and my legs were so swollen I could hardly walk.



Sharon Williams

On one occasion I was called down to the attorney's room and was told my attorney was there to see me and to go into Booth #1. I did and turned around to to find 7 LAPD pigs blocking the doorway. One held up a camera and I quickly did an about - face, facing the wall. I stated, "You're not gonna take my picture without my lawyer here." One pig said, "We don't have to put up with this. We can have you beaten, thrown into a padded cell and send up a roll of film. Or would you rather go back to lock-up." I continued facing the wall, when four of them grabbed me and held me down while another took about 10 pictures of this attack.

Pigs are always gonna be pigs. You got to watch them. Watch them closely because they are the criminals, the biggest crimin on the face of Babylon. We are hip to you pigs, and you could never take away our spirit, because that spirit is manifested in the people.

REVOLUTION IN OUR LIFETIME
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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Sharon Williams

LANGUAGE AND LIBERATION STRUGGLES

By William L. Patterson

J. Edgar Hoover, perennial chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has made another of his many year-end reports. His eyes were clearly focussed on the next budget and his mind on the support of the racist contingent in Congress whose vote he might need.

The secret police chief has produced an astonishing document. Police terror, criminal attacks by uniformed racists upon Blacks protesting the continuing lawless denial of their constitutional rights, and the degrading status foisted upon them by a society dominated by the myths of White superiority, find no mention in Hoover's statement.

Yet, 1969 saw scores of Black ghettos turned into police-occupied areas. Under pretext of maintaining "law and order", open season



William L. Patterson

was declared on the most militant of Blacks. Black Panthers were murdered indiscriminately, their headquarters cordoned off and shot into as one would into a cage of uncontrollable wild beasts.

The racist history of this country has never witnessed such savagery since the most violent days when the magnificent efforts of Blacks and poor Whites in the reconstruction of former slave territory was betrayed and smashed. Then lynch terror reigned supreme. That era of racist savagery set the stage for the courts to repudiate a series of Civil Rights laws avowedly passed in order that the 14th and 15th Amendments to the constitution might be made effective. That period of racist terror revealed the true character of bourgeois democracy in the U.S.A. Now, racism is thoroughly and systematically organized and takes on all manner of genocidal forms. It is fascist in character.

The present period reveals the criminal growth of bourgeois democracy since the betrayal of those who died that this nation might live "free and indivisible". It exposes through the trial of the Chicago Seven and its "law and order" edicts its desperate turn toward the establishment of a police state.

J. Edgar Hoover had nothing to say about the now obvious menace of racism to the security of the nation and the furtherance of world peace. He has nothing to say as to the criminality of police brutality and the denial of the rights of minorities.

The past decade has produced numerous reports from official and private sources treating the scope and danger of police brutality and racism. For example, the Kerner Report of the Johnson era declared that:

"It is time now to turn with all the purpose at our command to to the major unfinished business of the nation. It is time to adopt stategies for action that will produce quick and visible progress. It is time to make good the promises of American democracy to all citizens - urban and rural, White and Black, Spanish-surname, American Indian and every minority group." (my emph. -WLP)

Obviously, the TIME has long since past when a turn "to the major unfinished business of the nation" was historically necessary for the report recognized that the preachment and practice of racism has created "two societies...separate and unequal." The time to turn to the "unfinished business of the nation" that is the establishment of full and complete equality of rights and opportunities for Black citizenry was when the Administration, Legislature and Judiciary conspired to deprive Blacks of what they had paid for with their blood in the Civil War. It was then that the "promises of American democracy" became matters of political expediency. Obviously, it is past time to "adopt strategies for action."

"Strategies for action" have no weight. They were outlined in the Wickersham Commission report in 1931, the "to Secure These Rights" report of the Truman administration, in the reports of the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson Commission. The time has passed for investigations and inquiries. It is NOW time to punish those guilty of the racist crimes against Black citizens. The lines of procedure were laid down by the Nuremberg, Germany, war criminal international court that convicted the Nazi monsters. Among the foremost crimes that threaten the security of the nation, that have already made of racism an export commodity destructive of national morality and integrity, that have dehumanized millions of peace-loving Whites and made cowards of millions, are the racist crimes that have split the nation along the color-line.

The fascist-minded criminals do not move from moral strength. From the bowels of the Black ghettos, daily increasing in volume come cries to put an end to police brutality, for communist control of all service institutions and an end to racism and to hellish ghettos.

From every state of the Union comes the cry for peace. From abroad, the cry is "Yankee, Go home!" The strength of the enemy at home lies in his ability to fascinate and mesmerize the White masses, particularly those in the ranks of labor, with the myths of White superiority, and to create a core of ideological prostitutes who sing praises of the "America-way-of-life." Reality demands unity of the masses regardless of creed, color or political persuasion who suffer from the exploitative, oppressive and politically restrictive power of a common foe.

The Hoover report is an ideological weapon of the most reactionary forces in politics and the economy of our country. It has nothing in common with internal security. It seeks the isolation and political emasculation of those most vocal and physically most active in the fight to preserve national security through enforcement of the constitutional rights of all. Such a report becomes at once an incitement to racist crimes, a clear and present danger to the security of the nation, instead of providing a guide to the punishment of those who have made of the "promises of American Democracy" and our commitments under the Charter of the United Nations scraps of paper, Hoover belches out the lie that:

"Extremist all Negro hate-type organizations such as the Black Panther Party, continue to fan the flames of riot and revolution during 1969."

The "flames of riot and revolution" issue forth from the mouths of the guns of those who are ordered to quell the democratic demonstrative demands of Blacks and other progressive social forces.

From the introduction of Tom Wicker, editor of the New York Times, to the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders comes the following:

"...the rioters[?] are the personification of the nation's shame, of its deepest failure, of its greatest challenge. They will not go away. They can only be repressed or conceded their humanity, and the choice is not theirs to make. They can only force it upon the rest of us, and what this Report insists upon is that they are already doing it and intend to keep at it." (Emph.-WLP)

"They", who are not rioters, but defenders of the nation's integrity and honor, "will not go away" To do so would be a betrayal of the greatest thing in all the world - the liberation of mankind. Their moral strength sustains them.

Hoover charges the so-called "Negro hate-type organizations such as the the Black Panther Party" with:

"Unbridled vulgarity, obscenity, blasphemy, perversion and public desecration of our cherished ideals and symbols."

They, the "rioters", threaten the American way of life", lies Hoover.

The "unbridled vulgarity, obscenity, blasphemy, perversion and public desecration of our cherished ideals and symbols" of this period stems from the bourgeoisie. It is evidence of the decadence of their society. It is not the property of those seeking a fundamental change in the American way of life. It is baggage that has been caught up by those who mistakenly believe that it adds to the vitality of revolutionary struggle. It demobilizes. The language of revolution is an ennobling, lofty language.

Beastiality, hate viciousness and an all-consuming lust for political and economic power characterize the relations of military - industrial banking consortium with the people at home and abroad. "Unbridled vulgarity, obscenity, blasphemy, perversion and public desecration" is the property the counter-revolution has sought to bring into the revolution. It will not succeed.

Hoover has slandered all that is decent in the U.S.A., especially Black citizenry. He incites to murderous attacks upon the Panthers. They are determined revolutionaries and revolution purifies, ennobles, cleanses, destroys that which corrupts, that which debases and dehumanizes.

It is time for Hoover to go. It is time to make the FBI a defender of national security.

A new decade confronts us. It calls for unity - unity in struggle - of Black, Brown, Yellow and White against racism. That unity can profoundly influence the decade ahead. It can be of decisive political significance for the people. That unity is possible if its limitless potentialities are recognized by the masses in the labor movement. For Black leaders who are also citizens of the U.S.A., human beings and now part of a world movement for the liberation of all mankind from oppression, the fight for unity is a fight for allies without whose aid victory stands in the greatest danger.

New Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam

New Mobilization Statement On Repression: Released January 9, 1970 Ambassador Hotel, Washington D.C.

This policy of genocidal repression is particularly clear in the case of the Black Panther Party. Recently planned and coordinated raids and killings of Black Panthers have occurred in major cities. Though the notorious police murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark in Chicago has been widely reported as (like Songmy) an isolated incident, the fact is that such attacks, occurring in many locations, have killed over 20 Panthers.

On November 15 in the course of his speech to the San Francisco rally of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, David Hilliard, Chief of Staff of the Black Panther Party, said:

> Richard Nixon is an evil man. This is the motherfucker that unleashed the counter-insurgent teams upon the Black Panther Party. This is the man that's responsible for all the attacks upon the Black Panther Party nationally. This is the man that sends his vicious, murderous dogs out into the Black community and invades upon our Black Panther Breakfast Program, destroy food that we have for hungry kids and expect us to accept shit like that idly. Fuck that motherfucking man, we will kill Richard Nixon, we will kill any motherfucker that stands in the way of our freedom. We ain't here for no goddamn peace, because we know that we can't have no peace because this country was built on war. And if you want peace you got to fight for it.

On December 3, Mr. Hilliard was arrested, having been charged with making in his November 15 speech "certain threats to take the life of and to inflict bodily harm upon the president of the United States, Richard Nixon." The New Mobilization Committee denounces the Unites States government for this action. The rally at which Mr. Hilliard spoke was a political gathering with some 250,000 people present. He spoke in the language of the streets. In charging and prosecuting Mr. Hilliard the government is directly violating his First Amendment rights under the United States constitution. We demand that these charges be immediately revoked. We call upon responsible Americans everywhere to join us in this demand. The New Mobilization is also ready to call for country-wide demonstrations in support of the Panther's plans to deliver to the United Nations petitions against U.S. genocide.

At the same time we call upon Americans to support David Hilliard in the essential truth he speaks, Richard Nixon is an evil man; he is evil in the sense of being head of a goverment that is responsible for a calculated program of genocide and war crimes. If he says he is not an evil man, let him say he is against these policies of destruction of Vietnamese and Black people. Let him by actions show that he is revoking these policies.

Dedicated To The People Of The Struggle

Bobby Hutton, Tommy Lewis, Robert Lawerence, Sylvester Bell, Larry Robertson, Steve Bartholemew, Walter Toure Pope, Walton Armstead, Sidney U. Miller, France Diggs, Spurgeon Jake Winters, Alprentice Bunchy Carter, Fred Hampton, John Jerome Huggins, and Mark Clark.

These brothers are just a few that have been murdered by this fascist government. The murderous and outrageous attacks by these pigs have brought Black people close to the Black Panther Party. This in turn will bring the people against the colonial imperialist country.

To the fallen comrades, both brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their people, from this we shall remember whenever there is struggle there is sacrifice, death is a common occurance. But the brothers and sisters had the Black people and the suffering of the great majority at heart, and when they died for the people it was a worthy death. Nevertheless we should do our best to avoid unneccessary sacrifice.

All men and women must die, but death can vary in its significance. The ancient Chinese writer Szuma Chein said, through death all men and women alike, it may be heavier than Mt. Tai or lighter than a feather. To die for the people is heavier than Mt. Tai but to die for the fascist and the exploiters and oppressors is lighter than a feather. We realize that the genocide program has been started against Black people by the unprovoked attacks on the Black Panther Party and Black people, but we must realize that the spirit and the voice of the people are the greatest force that exists today. When this force goes for the liberation of poor oppressed people it is greater than all the pseudo (false) power that the exploiters and oppressors have.

When Black people raise their arms for the brothers and sisters that have given all for the people, we will be there with our arms to show what POWER TO THE PEOPLE really means.

We are deeply hurt by the deaths that have been on Black people and the Panther Party - With all love for oppressed people and each other we shall enjoy the inevitable Victory.

Friends Of The Party
New Rochelle, N.Y.

FAMILY OF TEN THREATENED WITH EVICTION

For the last 10 or 15 years the Redevelopment Agencies from every major city, where there was a sizeable Black population and an obvious "slum" area, have been engaged in a destructive project known as "Urban Renewal" or "Nigger Removal" as a few of the folks call it. Chicago, Detriot, New York, St. Louis and San Francisco are a few of the major metropolitan cities that have been involved in this fiasco. Dig on their logic: "these poor colored people and all the other poor souls who live in these dilapidated houses don't make very much money nor do they have much political power, plus their neighborhoods are usually close to our bourgening downtown areas. It therefore seems to me that we should buy up all of the land, force all of the residents to move and then build apartments in their place that can serve as housing for all of those people who are not poor and who contribute greatly to the city's economy. We will call this project URBAN RENEWAL."

It all started out in the manner common to clumsy bureaucracies, with committees, reports and hundreds of jobs at the "white collar" level. And so in came the bulldozers and out went the niggers. It was all going pretty well until the people got hip to the game that had been, once again, laid on them. You see, the people began to question where they were going to be displaced to and were assured that the new housing that would be built in the place of the old would be moderately priced so that those people who had been displaced could move back into the community as soon as the new units were finished. The truth of the matter was revealed upon completion of these new "moderately priced housing for low income families, etc." The people who once lived in the now renovated communities found out that they were unable to pay the 'moderately' priced rent and as a consequence were forced, in most cases, to live in even worse conditions than they had prior to their forced displacement.

This put all of the people very uptight and on the move against their local Redevelopment Agency. People started demonstrating their discontent over the manner in which they and their neighbors had been treated and stated that they would not move until they were guaranteed the opportunity to return to their original communities with the prices of rents at a level which they could afford to pay. As could be expected, Black people are the main victims of this plot to remove poor people from the core of the city in order to make way for the "middle class" and, therefore, stop their migration to the suburbs which siphons off millions of dollars from the metropolitan areas annually. It is now 1970, over a decade has passed since the first laying of that capitalist turd known as Urban Renewal, and yet the same conditions upheld by the same lies continue to exist throughout the breadth of Amerikkka's urban colonies.

In San Francisco, WACO (the Western Addition Community Organization) and other such groups have been waging a battle against the local Redevelopment Agency over the issue of relocation. In some cases the people have been able to forestall the monsterous bulldozers, but the people have never been able to gain any control over their communities in order for them to become the sole agents in the determination of their construction - socially, economically and physically. It is for this reason that in 1970 many residents and organizations of the Western Addition community in San Francisco face eviction: the Black Panther Party Distribution Office, Reality House and many of the community families. Among the families that received X - mas greetings from the Redevelopment Agency, informing them that they have 90 days in which to move, were the Rogers. This family, which is headed by Mrs. Mary Rogers, resides on block #732 (on Webster off Eddy) which is slated to go down as soon as all the residents have been removed.



MRS. ROGERS AND THREE OF HER NINE CHILDREN

I talked with Mrs. Rogers in the living room of her third floor, Webster St. flat about her attitudes concerning her present situation as well as her feelings about the Redevelopment Agency and Blacks who front for the "man" downtown. She referred to the latter as "Oreo cookies," Black on the outside and White on the inside.

Mary Rogers is the mother of ten of her own children as well as any other youngster who, for one reason or another, is in need of a home. She is one of those people whom you seldom hear about a selfless lover of children. As I was sitting and rapping with her I kept thinking about the issue of women's liberation and how women continually get caught up in an economic situation in which they have very little money and a lot of children. Being a woman is bad enough, due to the fact that women have a much lower earning capacity than men, but the situation is compounded if the woman is Black like Mrs. Rogers.

One of the first things she ran down to me was her fundamental understanding of the need for POWER. "We must begin to control and own the properties on which we live, and we can no longer let the man downtown move us out to make room for the (primarily) White suburbanites to come back into the core of the city." She also made it perfectly clear why she wanted to remain in the Western Addition. "One thing about the Western Addition, and block #732 in particular, is that it is within walking distance of downtown, there is adequate bus service plus it is close to large shopping centers." It is for these very same reasons that the Redevelopment Agency chose the Western Addition as a target for its attack.

Mrs. Rogers has taken the position, along with other residents and organizations within the community (including the Black Panther Party), that she will not move nor will she be removed "until such time as adequate housing, large enough to meet the needs of my family is built within the same community in which I now live." She also talked about the two housing complexes that were recently built in the Western Addition. "There are two housing developments that have recently been built within the Western Addition. One is sponsored by Rev. Bedford of Macedonia Baptist Church and Rev. Evans of Friendship Baptist Church. This development is known as Banneker Homes and the rents range from around $122 for one bedroom to $187 for four bedrooms." While these may be modest prices for the "middle class" it is not so modest for a family of ten who receives $483 per month under the AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) starvation plan. Mrs. Rogers said that the $483 per month that she receives is the maximum which she is allowed. The other housing development is known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Square and the main consultant is Jim Montgomery, an engineer who owns large tracts of land within the Western Addition. The development was held up for several months until he "guaranteed" to people that rents would be low enough so that those who were displaced would have a place to return to. According to Mrs. Rogers the same conditions which exist at Banneker Homes also exist at Martin Luther King, Jr. Square.

Regarding the Black petty-bourgeois mediators (absentee preachers, politicians, and landlords who stand intermediate-when they can-between the Black colony and the White Mother country) Mrs. Rogers had the following comment, "The so-called Black leaders who live outside the community can no longer be looked upon as our leaders since they are responsive to their bosses downtown rather than to the people in the community. The people who live in the community must take control over all aspects of their lives." And concerning an organization that could prevent the forcible removal of Black people from the Western Addition to make way for others, she felt that "if 500 people would show up every time a resident was threatened with eviction, to prevent that eviction, we would then have the kind of organization necessary to prevent any eviction until the people could be guaranteed (on their own terms) access to the new housing."

In closing, Mrs. Rogers had these words, "The only way to cure the social ills today is to put money into everyone's pocket; money adequate enough for decent housing, food, clothing and medical care. We must begin to control our schools and to educate our children to the fact that nobody cares about them except us, and that the man downtown doesn't care any more about them today than he did a hundred years ago. They have given us--on paper--freedom, but they still have shackles around our ankles and around our hands. They've got their fingers in our nose and their foot up our butt and they say 'you'll sneeze when I say and you'll go to the bathroom when I say,' and I say no to that. Get your fingers out and get your foot out, I intend to fight and I intend to get what I want one way or the other."

POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Roland Young
Community News Reporter

Birthday Benefits For Huey

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
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Dear Friend:

February 17th is the birthday of Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense and founder of the Black Panther Party. The weekend of February 14th and 15th, will be dedicated to the celebration of his birthday. Benefits will be held in his honor in Berkeley, California, on the 15th, and in Los Angeles California on the 14. This will be part of a nationwide celebration to honor Huey for his great political work, and his undying love and service to the people.

Huey Newton is incarcerated at California Men's Colony near San Luis Obispo. The occasion will not be a joyous one, because the brother is not physically free to join us. This is a time of "Revolutionary Crisis" and the national and international mobilization of oppressed people is what is needed to free Huey, and to Free all Political Prisoners. At this birthday celebration, emphasis will be on the proposed Prisoner of War exchange for American GI's in Viet Nam for Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, and Huey P. Newton.

In the name of world peace, we believe your support and participation will heighten your solidarity with oppressed people in general, and the Black Panther Party in particular. We are asking for contributions to help make this benefit a success.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
SEIZE THE TIME

I enclose $2.00 advance donation for a ticket to Huey Newton Birthday Benefit.
___Berk. ___L.A.

I enclose ___ for the benefit expenses.

I enclose ___ for the Huey P. Newton Defense Fund.

"SNAKES IN THE CANEFIELDS"

The December 28th, 1969 issue of "Gramna", the official organ of the Central Committee of the Comm unist Party of Cuba (Pages 11-12) contained the text of a press conference held by the Venceremos Brigade for Journalist from all over the world.

The Venceremos Brigade is a group of volunteer workers from the United States who travel to Cuba to help in the cane fields and show solidarity with the Cubans struggle against U.S. imperialism. Among the current members of the brigade are two persons, Dwight Hawkins and Elijah Gaut, who are passing themselves off as members of The Black Panther Party. They are not members of the Black Panther Party but either pigs or fools. There are over 200 Americans in the Brigade at this time so there may be others among them that are posing as "Black Panthers".

To set the record straight it must be stated that there are no members of The Black Panther Party in the Venceremos Brigade.

We who live for the struggle in the belly of the imperialist whale are not as near to victory as our Valiant Vietnamese Brothers who have been able to send people to help in the "Battle for the Ten Million Tons" (of sugar cane--a major Cuban crop), we have a dire need for all our fighters and workers here at home. For we know that our victory will certainly be a victory for the Cuban people and all the world's oppressed.

The Black Panther Party supports the Cuban people in their struggle against U.S. imperialism. We recognize that the best assistance that we can give to the Cuban Revolution is our continued and escalated resistance to our common enemy right here is Babylon.

The dream of the world's oppressed people of "many Vietnams" will have reached its peak and become a reality when the progressive and revolutionary forces in the U.S. can give to the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America a "Bay of Pigs" victory on the Potomac River in Washington D.C. or a "Dien Bien Phu" victory at the Pentagon. The Victory of the Cuban Revolution is a victory for the world and pig agents, fools, and liars can do serious damage to, the struggle of all oppressed people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

America's Free Press Tells It Like It Ain't

Eldridge Cleaver Raps About Cuba

Berkeley, Calif. (LNS)--Hundreds of U.S newspapers reaching millions of people dutifully pushed a UPI story from Paris a while back about an alleged former member of The Black Panther Party who said he and exiled Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver left Cuba recently because of racism.

The ex-Panther, Earl Farrell, said he was Cleaver's companion in Cuba and later in Algeria. He said socialist Cuba discriminated against blacks in the government and in general. Farrell found his imitators around the world-agents posing as Panthers and purporting to speak for Eldridge.

To those who contacted Eldridge in Algiers, Cleaver denounced Farrell as an imposter and embezzler who stole money from the Party, violated security and fabricated the story about Cuban "racism".

Very few newspapers, if any, carried Cleaver's version of how Cleaver felt.

In an effort to see that Eldridge's first actual statement on the Cuban Revolution since he escaped the clutches of America be heard, The Black Panther Party has given its permission for comments Eldridge made in a recent recorded phone conversation with Chief of Staff, David Hilliard to be published.



ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, MINISTER OF INFORMATIONB.P.P.

"On the question of socialism," said the exiled Minister of Information, "The Black Panther Party does not and has never said that if socialism is instituted that racism automatically ceases (although some critics of The Black Panther Party have implied, namely Stokely Carmichael, that we have taken that position). What we say is that in a socialist society the conditions are more favorable for a people to begin to struggle to eliminate racism.

"Cuba, 90 miles from Florida, where they launch those Saturn rockets, with a U.S naval base--Guantanamo--right on their island, is struggling for the defense of the Cuban people and their revolution under an economic blockade that is strangulating and threatening to get tighter.

We see the Cuban Revolution as a great achievement in the world revolution, by establishing an island of socialism in an ocean, The Western Hemisphere, of capitalist aggression and fascist suppression. We wish the Cuban people victory in their struggle against the blockade and may the Cuban people achieve their goal of 10 million tons in the 1970 sugar cane harvest.

"We were not born on Cuban soil," he continued, "Some members of The Black Panther Party used Cuba as a means of escape from fascist suppression in Babylon and they are alive, well, and free today. It would not be in the interest of Cuba or the world revolution to launch attacks at Cuba because they have not been able to eliminate all forms of racism in the ten years since their revolution began."

Cleaver then attacked Earl Farrell, the black man in Paris who reported Eldridge's supposed disillusionment with Cuba, terming Farrell a "jackanape" and an agent provocateur".

"Anyone that would come up with reactionary criticism of his type, serving only the fascist and the imperialist, is a bootlicking snake. He didn't just embrace U.S imperialism and fascism--he's coming back to Babylon (the United States) and the route he chose to take is through the anus (an apparent reference to Farrell's statement he would turn himself in to the FBI after he made his derogatory statement about Cuba.)

"The cardinal rule of The Black Panther Party says have faith in the people, have faith in the Party. This principle is not to be applied just in Babylon, but around the world. On this basis and relating to historical materialism, we know that Cuba, the U.S., and the world WILL be free of racism, and the last shall be first and the first shall be last.

"ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!" he concluded.

"LOS DIEZ MILLIONES VAN!"

DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE AFRO-AMERICAN PEOPLE

During the past few days, the Nixon administration has displayed more than ever before, its tyrannical and fascist nature. In the wake of alarming revelations of the deliberate and wanton massacres of the Vietnamese civilians by the U.S soldiers, a systematic military campaign has been launched in Los Angeles, and Chicago in a vain attempt to eliminate the Black Panther Party in the United States.

The Black Panther Party embodies the authentic aspirations of the oppressed Afro-Americans in their legitimate struggle against U.S imperialism. For this reason, the United States government is deploying all its forces to liquidate this revolutionary organization.

The ANC and ZAPU, themselves engaged in a life and death struggle against the fascists of the South African and Rhodesian regimes--regimes that are also supported by the U.S., British, and world imperialism, extend a militant hand of solidarity to the Afro-American people through the Black Panther Party. We hereby appeal to all the Afro-Americans and other progressive movements in the United States to resolutely resist this Nixon fascist campaign, whose aim and object is to smash the authentic voice of the Afro-Americans. Today, it is the Black Panthers, tomorrow it will be any other progressive organization in the U.S.A.

The U.S.A. police have never taken any steps to smash the fascist virus represented by such notorious organizations as the John Birch Society and the lynching Klu Klux Klan. It is because these organizations reflect the basic political philosophies of the United States' ruling class?

Coupled with the policy of the murderous attempts to destroy the revolutionary democratic forces at home, such as the Black Panther Party, the U.S. government has unleashed an international campaign to prop up all fascist and regrograde regimes from South America to South East Asia and from there on Southern Africa and the Middle East.

The tactics of picking up one important leader after another assassinating, imprisoning them and forcing others into exile, that the U.S. government is employing against the Panthers are quite familiar to us in South Africa and Rhodesia. These tactics are the stock in trade of the fascist regimes against which we are fighting in Southern Africa. Hitherto the U.S. imperialists have been "permitted" to treat the Afro-American issue as an internal problem. Thus the U.S.A. has been "exempted" from the scrutiny of world opinion, on this vital matter which involves the elementary human rights of more than 20 million people of African origin in the United States. It is our deep conviction that the ill treatment of any people on the basis of colour is a violation of human rights and consequently cannot be looked upon as or be placed within the category of internal policies and prerogatives of any government.

While we are convinced of the determination of the Panthers and indeed the whole body of oppressed groups in the U.S.A. to resist U.S. oppression we call upon the world progressive forces and especially Africa to raise a mighty voice of protest.

Algers, 15th December, 1969

TO THE PEOPLES LAWYERS

Garry, Bill, Sandy, Bill K., and all the "road runners" for the People, in between breadths; we the "21" inside and out, would just like to say, what we have long felt. That not many can be called "Peoples Lawyers", and for us, the Black Panther Party, the People and their struggle, you cats have been beautiful...It is true that very few People in the Mother Country can relate to why we as Panthers will do, and continue to do what we must, in the way that we do. But it's because of People like you, that we know this sick society can be transformed.

So we can say truthfully; that there is not a court in racist Babylon that we would not be honored in confronting, where we will unflinchingly be proud, and confident in the representation that you will give, and most of all, the sincerity in which it is given unifies us in our purpose. And respect for all the Peoples Lawyers in this way is the highest tribute we can pay you. We do not relate to holidays, except in a revolutionary manner, but when the oppressed have triumped there will be a Peoples Lawyer Day, we, and our future generations assure you this.

UNITY IN STRUGGLE
The Panther "21"

G.E.-ELECTRIC OCTOPUS

(LNS) 147,000 workers are on strike against General Electric. There are at least that many reasons why GE should be defeated. Here are some of them:

General Electric is run by nineteen men, all White, all but one Anglo-Saxon Protestants. They hold more than half the company's voting stock and hire the chief executives and managers. They are some of the most powerful men in the world-, heads of the fourth largest industrial corporation in the U.S. (Only General Motors, Standard Oil of New Jersey and Ford are bigger.) These men usually see the inside of a GE plant only on the yearly guided tour; they can't tell the difference between a relay and a rectifier. They don't care about producing anything in particular, but only about extracting profit from everything in general. General Electric is only one of the profit-making schemes that they control.

For example, take GE Director Gilbert Humphrey, one of the nineteen. He is also board chairman of the Cleveland-based quarter-billion dollar Hanna Mining Corporation. Or take Directors Neil McElroy and George Love; they also run Detroit's Chrysler Corporation. The fifth biggest U.S. corporation. Whether you inspect bottles of Coca-Cola, blast ore for Hanna, make buttonholes in a Stevens sweatshop, or stamp out dashboards for Chrysler, the profits from your time and energy go into the same set of pockets. The major companies are wired together at the top. Chrysler cars use GE lightbulbs ,GE's company fleet uses Chrysler cars, Coca-Cola has the concession in GE lunchrooms; Hanna's tungsten mines supply filaments for GE lamps. Hanna owns part of Chrysler. And so on.

But that's just the beginning. The small circle that runs GE holds power not only in other giant corporations, but also in the White House, the Pentagon, in state and city governments. colleges and hospitals, and in dozens of other countries

The nineteen men who run GE are powerful voices in the White House and the Pentagon. Four GE directors were at the top of the military establishment when the Viet Nam war was being planned. Thomas S. Gates and Neil H. McElroy were Secretaries of Defense under Eisenhower, Robert T. Stevens was Secretary of the Army and Fred J. Borch was a member of the Defense Industry Advisory Board. General Electric keeps close ties with the Pentagon through the 89 retired colonels and generals who now work for GE.

General Electric has used its power in the national military establishment to advance its interests. In 1954 President Eisenhower said that the American military had to intervene in Asia so that the U.S. could control "the tin and tungsten of Indochina" (Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia). GE is a heavy tungsten user and Hanna Mining Co. produces a lot of tungsten. Another GE director, Edmund W. Littlefield, is head of Utah Mining and Construction Company, which also produces tungsten; further, his company built the jet runways in Thailand and Laos that are used for bombing raids on Viet Nam. The bombers' engines and their machine guns are part of GE's war production.

General Electric's power to make national policy pays the company very well. General Electric was stagnating in 1964, with profits scarcely higher than in 1960. Then came the 1965 escalation of a war that GE helped plan, and GE's balance sheet took a great leap forward. Average annual profits since 1965 have been 3% higher than they were in the five years before. General Electric war contracts have more than doubled since 1965, for a total of $6.5 billion in five years. This year, with war sales of $1.6 billion, GE is the number two military contractor.

General Electric's directors are star actors on the national stage. But there are also the one-act plays and sideshows--state and city governments, universities, courts, hospitals--and GE needs a puppet to recite its lines on every stage. The GE public relations department rescued Ronald Reagan from a floundering acting career (and $18,000 in debts), placed him in the California statehouse and hopes to make him President. The mayors of towns where GE is the major employer (such as Lynn, Massachusetts, and Schenectady, New York) are well-known company puppets. But even the mayor of Philadelphia has felt the pull: "GE makes a policy of political coercion and intimidation of municipal governments as a weapon for the settlement of strikes...nothing short of political blackmail." Local judges take ten minutes to grant GE an injunction against picketers and ten years to hear a worker's injury claim. Towns like Waynesboro, Virginia, spend millions subsidizing roads, sewers and power for GE plants, but refuse to grant welfare for laid-off or striking GE workers. Cops in Oakland, California, were given orders two weeks before Christmas 1969 to protect scabs at all costs and arrest GE strikers on any pretext.

General Electric directors are on the governing boards of at least eleven major American universities and colleges, including Stanford, Harvard and Princeton. General Electric men control the faculty and curriculum to see that potential GE stagehands in the form of brainwashed company-loving engineers, technicians and managers are turned out in every graduating class. The GE show includes directors on twelve major insurance companies and at least fifteen men on the governing boards of leading medical schools and hospitals. Health insurance makes good profits--GE is the largest manufacturer of professional medical equipment--but behind the scenes GE refuses to meet union demands for medical benefits.

General Electric is part of the worldwide U.S system of imperialism. The men at the top turn a profit on everything from cars to cornflakes, from dime stores to life insurance in twenty-five countries. Their servants inside and outside the plant impose GE's decisions on the working people of the world. What GE men cannot do for themselves they have politicians, judges and professors do for them.The men who run GE know that the system they help maintain is hated throughout the world, but they almost like it that way. General Electric makes weapons and communications devices to keep the empire in power and to shoot people down when they rise up, as in Vietnam.

General Electric's private empire is widespread. There are GE branch plants and subsidiaries in 25 other countries. One of every four people who works for GE (100,000 out of 400,000) lives outside the U.S. Starvation wages make these foreign operations super-profitable. In Columbia GE pays 25¢ an hour in South Africa Black workers get 28¢ an hour; in Bombay, GE's going rate is 6 to 7¢ an hour. When GE brought out France's largest computer manufacturer they laid off ten per cent of the workers.

Most of GE's branch plants are in countries run by military dictatorships that depend on military aid from the U.S. Much of this military equipment is made by GE. And even in France, GE got a multi-million dollar contract to computerize the communications network for the Paris police. General Electric profits from cheap labor, then profits again by supplying the military and police hardware that is used against people around the world.

Whoever protests, whoever organizes and moves against the power of the small circle of men at the top is branded by GE and its servants an an unpatriotic agitator. Waving the American flag in strikers' faces is a favorite GE tactic. The company wants to come off as patriotic as Mother and Apple Pie. The historical record of the company's behavior reads differently:

Back in the years 1928-1940, GE was in league with the Krupp Corporation, Germany's largest armaments maker and a chief Hitler backer. General Electric and Krupp together conspired to fix the price of strategic metals at more than ten times the market value. Convicted of conspiracy by a U.S. court, GE got off with a petty-cash fine of $36,000.

In 1961, a Philadelphia grand jury uncovered another of GE's "patriotic" deals. For years the company had been conspiring with the other major electrical manufacturers to fix the prices of heavy equipment sold to government agencies. The total bill this fraud, running into uncounted hundreds of millions, came out of taxpayers' pockets.

In 1966 and '67, after ten years of arguing that it could not pay higher wages here because of the "foreign competition," GE set up branch plants in Hong Kong, South Korea and the Philippines. Here, behind the lines of the Pacific war, GE pays people from 25 to 30 cents per DAY to make cheap transistor radios and tape recorders, which it then imports to the States. After years of urging people to "Buy American," GE now IS the "foreign competition."

GE is also a long-time contributor to the Southern States Industrial Council, a group that fights to keep the U.S. divided into a so-called high-wage North and the cheap-labor South. This group supports the racism which keeps the South a depressed area, with wages one-third lower than the U.S. average.

Patriotism? General Electric waves any flag it can get its hands on: the American flag, the Dixie flag, the South Korean, the Philippine, and 23 others. Wherever people organize against GE, the company hides behind a piece of cloth and talks about protecting the "national security interest" to trick people back to work. GE protects its OWN interest and the only flag it salutes is the dollar bill.

Inside the plant, the company makes the people work faster and harder; outside the plant, the company keeps raising prices. They just announced a 3.3% price increase effective January 1, on top of a 4% increase last year. That means a clock radio which cost $29.95 a year ago will now cost $32.18. The result is more work for a paycheck that buys less. The politicians call it "inflation"; but from the inside it just looks like speedup coming in by the back door. In 1966, the unions of GE workers negotiated a 13% wage gain, but the cost of living went up 13.3% since then, so that the 1966 settlement actually ended up leaving GE workers in the red. At the same time managers and supervisors in GE plants tightened the screws.

In several plants, supervisors now use closed-circuit TV to watch people every second of the shift from an armchair in an air-conditioned booth. The company treats its employees like remote-control robots.

At GE in Ashland, Massachusetts, three-fourths of the production workers are women. They get paid by the piece and not by the hour, but the women are not allowed to control the speed of the machines. The company controls the machines and the machines control the workers.

The company keep women and others it considers second-class human beings in the lower job categories. A spot welder in the San Jose, California motor plant with 22 years seniority was overloaded with work. The company put a new man on to help her--and paid him more. Women are paid 30 cents less an hour than men on the same jobs. This is standard GE practice and one of the unions' strike demands is that it be abolished.

Few big companies have fought unions as hard as GE. While some of the giant corporations see the the unions as an inexpensive low-level police force to discipline the workers, GE believes the company's management should do all the policing itself. General Electric does all it can to undermine union authority. For example, in a Bloomington, Indiana plant, shop stewards may not talk to people on company time without company permission, and workers cannot see the steward without going through the supervisor. Shop stewards tend to be cut out of overtime so that they are not on the line when the worst speedups and the heaviest company pressure comes down.

In most plants, workers may not talk to each other except during breaks. If the line stops, everyone has to keep busy wiping and sweeping until the white shirts get it rolling again. There is nothing you can do that GE doesn't have a rule against. One man at the Oakland, California, transformer plant summed it up: he said working for GE is like being inside San Quentin, except they let you out at night.

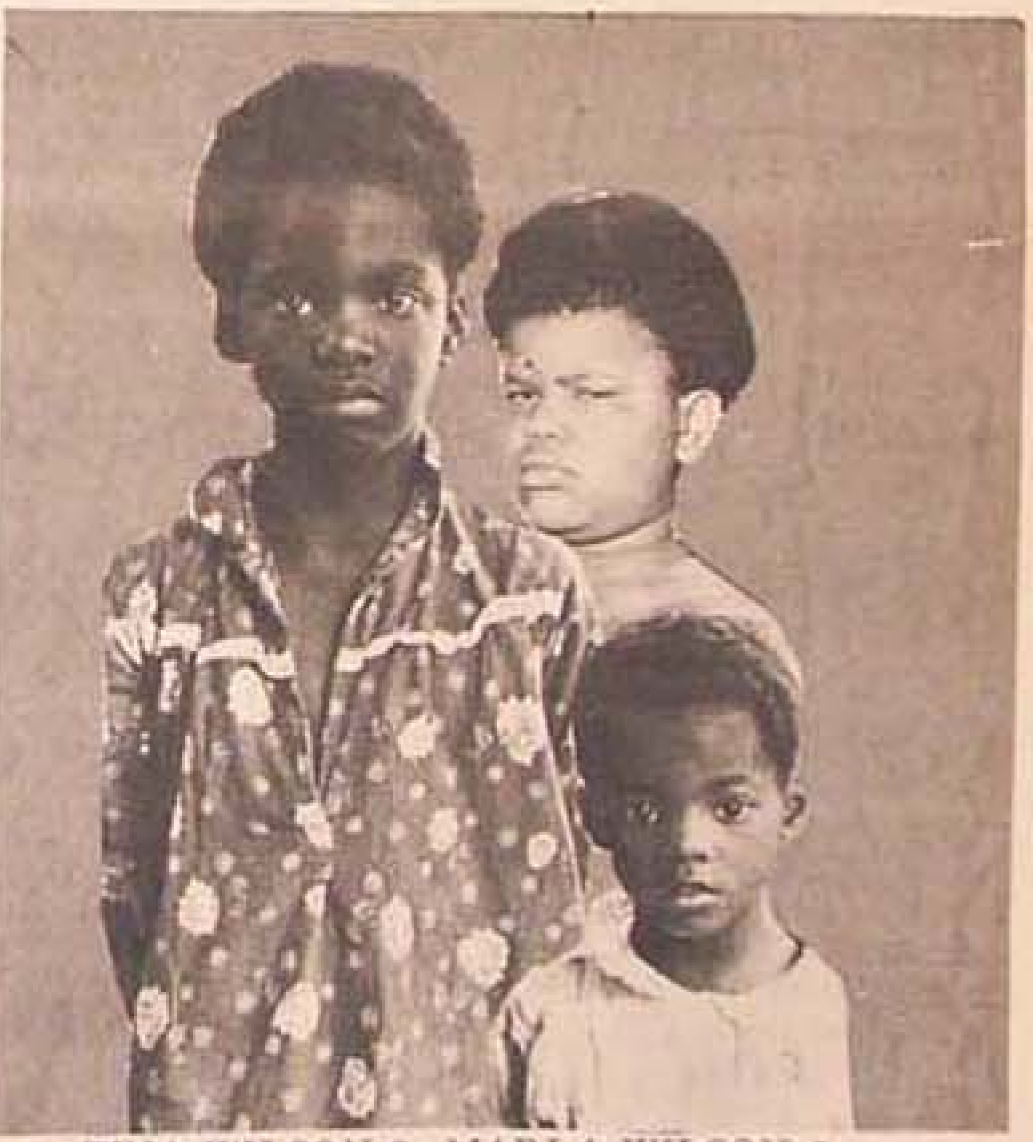
GE has a peculiar idea of "progress" in its products. In 1931 the company spent millions to make a lightbulb that would burn out twice as fast. This year GE announced it had stopped working on a smog-free electric automobile. The management claimed its cost was prohibitive, yet expenditures for research and development (R&D) of an electric car were a small fraction of the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on research for military projects. During the last week of September of this year, GE received more money on R&D contracts for an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile re-entry system (the Mark 12) than the total R&D expenses for the electric car. Remember that GE's nineteen directors also run five oil companies and Chrysler Auto; an electric car would be bad for their business. Now GE has the key patents for the electric car and can keep anyone else from building one for 17 years. That's progress, GE style.

General Electric markets products that make the world a worse place to inhabit. In November, 1966, it cut costs in color TV production; now all their sets emit possibly sterilizing radiation sideways and downward. But this seems minor compared with GE's future plans. General Electric has the contract for the Supersonic Transport (SST), the giant jet that will send out a continuous shock wave which will not only break windows and eardrums but will also disrupt the reproductive patterns of wildlife. And its exhaust fumes will form a permanent layer of smog at 30,000 feet that may alter world weather patterns and deprive all plant life on the ground of the sunshine needed to flouish and grow.

General Electric's idea of progress is to force more to work harder on worse products to sell at higher prices.

The strike against GE is only the beginning. There are other GE's, and together they make up a system. We must defeat that whole monopoly system in order to really defeat the likes of GE.

FASCIST PIG HITS YOUTH AND RUNS



TINA WILSON 8, MARLA WILSON 5, AND APRIL CEPHANS 9

- Point number seven of the Black Panther Party's Platform and Program states, "We want an immidate end to police brutality and murder of Black people.

The Black Panther Party has implemented a Liberation School as one of our programs, where the children are taught their true history and their role in the present day society. The San Francisco branch holds class every Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 1:30pm at Sacred Heart Church on Fell and Fillmore St. This is the same location in which we hold the Free Breakfast for School Children Program.

On January 10, 1970 at 1:30 pm, the children from "the big family" were leaving, and they all got into the busvan attempting to go home. They rode up to the corner, and as the children were playing in the back of the van, the door flew open and three little sisters fell out, April Cephans 9, Tina Wilson 8, and Marla Wilson 5. A fascist pig on his motor bike, having no respect or regards for the people ran over the sisters and kept going, he didn't even look back.

In Liberation school we teach the children how the pigs brutalize and murder people of the Black community and other oppressed commities. These little sisters know how inhuman these pigs are. When they are supposed to be protecting the people they are constantly murdering and brutalizing us. The fascist pig tried to kill these young sisters and failed. The pigs have been harassing, attacking, and murdering our youth and it has to stop. We believe we can end police brutality in our Black communities by community Control of Police, and have police that are dedicate to defending and protecting the communities from racist fascist repression and brutality.

The second Amendment to the constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore, believe that all people should arm themselves for self-defense, and self determination.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Kathy Burfict
San Francisco Branch
Black Panther Party

RACISM AT S.F. GENERAL HOSPITAL

Thomas Fields, after working THREE days, was fired from his job as a pharmacist at San Francisco General Hospital on Wednesday, January 7. Fields a Black man, claims that racism was the cause of his firing.

On September 29, 1969, there was an ad in the SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE advertising an opening for a qualified pharmacist to be placed by the Civil Service Commission. Fields answered the ad by telephone, and an application was sent to him through the mail. On October 3rd he received the application, completed it and returned it also by mail.

On December 21st, Fields received notice from the Civil Service Commission informing him that the opening that he been previously advertised needed filling immediately and that his credentials were in the process of being reviewed. Two days later he was certified as a Registered Pharmacist, class 2450. And, on the 24th of December, the Commission informed Fields that he had been selected to fill the position of a pharmacist at San Francisco General Hospital on a limited-tenure basis.

Assuming everything was up to par, Fields arrived at San Francisco General Hospital, on December 30th, with the proper authorization as a pharmacist 2450. At this time he was told by the Senior pharmacist, a Mr. Chilgren, to return in five days. This meant that Fields was to start work on January 5, 1970--But...

When he reported for work he was informed, by Chilgren, that there had been a mistake and that there was no job for him and that he must leave the pharmacy immediately, if not sooner.

Unimpressed by the game that Chilgren was trying to run on him, Fields replied that "until I receive proper authorization to the contrary from the Civil Service, I will remain and consider myself employed." As a result, he was allowed to start work as a pharmacist 2450 on the 10:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. shift. This all went down on January 5th.

Fields was allowed to work as a pharmacist 2450 until 3:00 p.m. January 7th, at which time "I was told by Mr. Chilgren that I would not be allowed to enter the pharmacy the next morning. He stated that if I did try to enter, he would have the police throw me out. At 4:30 p.m., while I was at dinner, my personal belongings were removed from my locker by the hospital security officers and I was told by the security officers not to go back into the pharmacy. I then went...to see Dr. Grossman, the Assistant Administrator at S.F. General. He told me that he had given the order for the officers to remove my belongings. Dr. Grossman then escorted me back to the pharmacy and stated I was to work until the end of my shift at 7:00 p.m. that evening but was not to return to the pharmacy the next day."

The next day, January 8th, an unsigned memoradum was posted on the pharmacy door stating in part:

subject: Employment of Mr. Thomas Fields as P.L.T. Pharmacist Class 2450 at San Francisco General Hospital

1. Mr. Fields was hired by the Civil Service Commission.
2. The Civil Service Commission subsequently discovered that one of its temporary employees had not followed its rules; therefore the Commission reversed its own discision."

The next day Fields received a telegram dated January 8th, 1970, and was sent in care of Mr. Sam Araboglou, Assistant Administrator who gave the telegram to (an unidentified) Mrs. Lewis who finally gave it to Fields. The telegram read as follows:

"Pursuant to Civil Service Commission rules, T. Fields lacks priority for limited-tenure appointment. His employment is not authorized at this time.

John DeSoto
Assistant Director
S.F. Civil Service Commission"

Fields said that when he received the telegram he considered himself "no longer employed as a pharmacist at San Francisco General." He then received a notice informing him that there would be a hearing on Monday, January 12th, at 4:00 p.m. before the Civil Service Commission to decide on the matter. This hearing was a result of all the support Fields received from the hospital staff as well as the community.

The Civil Service Commission holds its hearings in room 282, which is on the second floor of City Hall. While walking up the wide stair case that leads from the main floor up to the second floor, I realized that architecture is also used as a way of subjugating the people. All buildings which have a government function such as city halls, state and federal buildings try to project a quality of strength which is intended to overwhelm the people so as to have the effect of making one think that they are going before the throne of the Lord. By the time you reach your destination you are supposed to realize just how powerful "city hall" is and just how non-powerful the people are. It is really good to see that the people are overcoming this incorrect assessment of the political situation, and are not only willing to fight "city hall", they are also willing to burn it down if necessary.

The spirit of the people was much in evidence Monday evening when Fields, along with his attorney and union representative, stood before the Commission and documented the harassment and embarrassment he received from the officials at S.F. General. After a lengthy discussion, during which time one of the Commissioners tried over and over to point out to the other Commissioners the need to uphold the hospital's discision the Commission finally overturned the hospital's decision and ruled in favor of Fields. However, this does not mean that the case is over. One of the attornies who spoke to me after the hearing said, "There have been cases in which the Commission ruled in favor of an employee and at a later date they ruled against him.' Which is to say, the Fields case may be just starting.

I spoke with General Hospital employees on Thursday afternoon (1/7/70) in the office of Dr. Richard "Dick" Fine. All those present expressed solidarity with Fields and informed me of an alliance that has been formed between employees and patients of General Hospital. They are calling for total community control of S.F. General Hospital. This alliance is a result of many other instances of covert and overt forms of racism as well as the overall lack of proper medical care received by the patients. One of the employers mentioned the fact that "pigs receive instant and thorough care while other patients must wait." Because of the astronomical cost of medical care, be it private or semi-private, most people can not afford to pay for proper medical care, they must rely on General Hospitals or die. It is for this reason that the people see the need for community control of S.F. General, they really have no other choice.

For as long as I can remember General Hospitals across the nation have been viewed by those who use them as "slaughter houses" that serve as a stopping off place for the poor on their way to the grave. This is but another way in which poor people are oppressed, on the one hand they are denied an opportunity to earn the money necessary to secure proper medical care and on the other hand they are denied proper medical care at those facilities which proport to serve them.

The blame for the horrid conditions that can be witnessed at these "slaughter houses' rests squarely on the shoulders of the city, country, state and federal agencies, those who are responsible for alloting the necessary funds for proper operation of these facilities. It is imperative that Black people, along with all other oppressed people, raise the call for COMMUNITY CONTROL OF ALL PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES. This is the only way in which the masses of people can be assured of proper health care and this will only happen when socialism has replaced capitalism--after revolution. POWER..

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Roland Young



HUEY NEWTON--POLITICAL PRISONER BLACK PANTHER PARTY

Miseducation in Vallejo Senior High School

In every Black community in decadent America there is to be found certain counter-revolutionary elements. Everything from the heroin dealer to the bootlicking lackeys of the pig power structure.

In the Black community of Vallejo, as in many other Black communities, there is another counter-revolutionary element, this element being cultural nationalism or otherwise known as "pork chop nationalism" or "Karangatangism".

At Vallejo Senior High School there is a very functional and very arrogant propigator of Karangatangism. Her name is Cynthia Smith.

Cynthia Smith's task at this high school is to propagate cultural nationalism and all its bastard offspring, including Black racism. She does this under the guise of "just doing her job", which is counseling and teaching. She teaches the Black cultural classes, which is a perfect outlet for the madness in which she constantly bombards the students with.

This ultra-Black pork chop is so busy being a puppet of Karangatangism until she can no longer serve the basic needs of the students. Since she has become the only Black counselor at the school, just as many, if not more Black students have been getting kicked out of school; just as many if not more students have been put in the lower learning track; and just as many if not more students have been made to go to continuation school (which is just another name for a department which is separate from the rest of the school and in which those who supposedly can't learn without special tutoring are sent and of course the majority of the students there come from the minority communities).

Furthermore, she has done nothing to rally the parents behind destroying the tracking system. (A system that is so corrupt, it divides students from each other, with Black students winding up in the lowest tracks. You are put in a track at the very beginning of your school years which usually sticks with you throughout your entire school years, and sometimes even after that--the lowest track students have the worst teachers who don't care if you do your work or not, and don't care if you learn anything, not even how to read and write--after going all the way through school, you find out that you are limited to the occupations that are supposed to be available to you.)

Just to show how counter-revolutionary this scurvy recruit for Karanga's pig farm is, she even went so far as to say, "The masses of Black people wanted Eldridge Cleaver in prison".

When the students heard that, they immediately got on her and told her that she was just a lie, and that the people want Eldridge home and free now. And to top all of this madness, this deceiver of the people is going to take the people's money, which was raised by the Black Culture class and give a jive "Black Ball", for all the chumps at the school. This so-called Black Ball is going to cost a couple of thousand dollars to give. This Karangatang is going to charge the students $10.00 a couple and the dress is formal, tux and all. If this so-called teacher, was really trying to meet the needs and desires of the students and the people, she could use this money in some way to help establish a free health clinic or something useful so that all the people can benefit from it. But instead she is going to use the money for a jive "Black" ball.

This disciple of the pig power structure said that Karangatangism has changed and isn't the same as it used to be. And all I want to know is how can something as counter-revolutionary and dogmatic (not changing) as it is, how can it change, unless it becomes more degenerate, more backwards or more of an enemy of the people than it is now.

So Cynthia Smith, you arch-enemy of the people, you Karengatang, the masses are now hip to your plot to aid the counter-revolutionary elements in the community and they shall seek you out and run you out of our school and our community because you fail to give a decent education to a people who have been victims of miseducation since their start in Babylonian schools.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
SEIZE THE TIME!

Leonard

Problem In Mt. Vernon

Through investigation and study we have found in Mt. Vernon and other local cities, that the most urgent problem of the communities is the dope problem. This is the cry of the Black and Poor oppressed communities, is that of drugs. The people look at this problem as an accident or a mistake, but if you look at where the drugs originate, you will find that it originates in the places within the government of our cities. If you can understand this, you will see that this is a calculated plan to kill off the revolutionary spirit of our youth, by this racist oppressive system.

Our youth are the future. If our youth are hooked on drugs they can't move to make a progressive future for a sane society. The oppressor realizes this, that is why we can only see little effort being made to erase the dope out of out communities completely. We must expose all the lies that are told to the people by, educating them to who controls and perpetuates this madness. Once we understand that all existing problems of this capitalist system are connected and in order to deal with them we have to abolish all forms of exploitation under the capitalist system.

Realizing that the nature of this capitalist system; background and its history has been the genocide of the Red people and of Black people for over 400 years, looking at the history of this country and understanding how it has used fascist tactics against the poor and oppressed people we can see that the capitalists have no respect or regard for the well being of the poor and oppressed people. Understanding a few facts about this government and how it operates its capitalist system, we see that the community needs community control and must move to put the power back into the hands of the people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

IN DEFENSE OF SELF DEFENSE

Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton was murdered by Nixon's-endorsed pigs, while he slept in bed. Nixon's endorsed pigs can and will raid the homes of innocent people, murder them as they kneel by their beds to pray, and do all of this in the name of "law and order". The Black Panther Party has drawn the lines of legality at the thresh-hold of our doors; if vicious dog policemen come to the doors in the manner of gangsters and criminals, they will be dealt with as gangsters and criminals. Not only must we defend our offices and homes against attacks by phony pig police masquerading as the victims, but you the people must also protect the offices and homes of the Black Panther Party. When these low-lifed pigs sneak into our communities, the people must be ready to defend both themselves and the Vanguard; we must do this to insure the lives and homes of all the people living in the Black communities. You must realize that if the pigs or any of their fascist agents crawl into the communities and rise against the people and the Party in the nature of wild-eyed fascists, they must be forced out. The Party and the masses must stand united against the possibilities of other Chicago's and L.A., other Fred Hamptons and Mark Clarks.

You, the people have the right the constitutional right to bear arms in your homes, and the people of our Black communities should begin to understand that any unarmed people are slaves or subject slavery at any given moment. If the pigs attack us, we will fight to defend our lives and home, and you must fight with us, or there will be no one left to fight at all. If the people whom we serve do not help to protect us, then who will be left to defend you?

The armed wrath of the people must drive the trifling, pig police out of the communities. You, the people must see the hardships and struggles of the Black Panther Party as your own. We must unite in the communities against all the oppressive agents of racist Nixon; we must become one, in the name of liberation and peace. Those foul and depraved pigs will withdraw their oppressive forces once they see that the people have armed themselves with the basic tools of liberation and the revolutionary genius of Huey P. Newton. Because of the brutal dog police murder of Fred and Mark, thousands have risen to bear arms against Nixon's endorsed fascist repression. People all across this wicked and corrupt land have taken up arms to defend the Party. The people that live in the communities where the Vanguard serves you, must set the machinery of revolution in motion right there in those communities, you have to shift the gears of that machinery. The pig is a flunky for Nixon, John Mitchell and J. Edgar Hoover, and they all must be dealt with. Too long have we been on our knees facing the legalized murder of fascist Babylon, off your knees brothers and sisters its time to move.

BLOOD TO THE HORSES BROW AND WOE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT SHOOT
Chaka Masai (Steve)
Lt. Of Information
Baltimore Chapter
Black Panther Party

TEACHING BY SETTING CORRECT EXAMPLES

The following is a statement of Dec. 27, given to Swedish radical newspapers through a Scandinavian revolutionary now living in Connecticut:

The situation in the United States in reference to the Black Panther Party since the assassination of Fred Hampton and the attack against the Black Panther Party office in L.A. is this:

The struggle has reached a new level in Los Angeles almost all the Black Panthers are in jail right now. But the people have taken over. The people are now selling 15,000 newspapers in Los Angeles a week. The people are running the office inspite of the constant tear gas attacks by the pigs. So, as we say, the struggle has been moving to a new level with the people moving to support the Party in greater and greater numbers. The Black Panthers in L.A. in spirit, is stronger than it has ever been, and has greater influence than ever before.

The attacks on the Party office in L.A. and Chicago have served to warn people all across the country, especially Black people, of what the real situation is in Babylon. Here in New Haven many brothers have come up to us on the street and said: "Just call us if the pigs attack you, and we'll be there." So the people are now understanding the situation more clearly and are offering us more open support.

Chicago has been completely changed by the assassinations. Thousands of people have viewed the assassination place, and on national T.V. it has been proven that the pigs attacked Fred and Mark. The establishment is seeking to put together its own investigating committee to supposedly investigate the incidents between the police and the Panthers over the past months.

We know that this investigation will simply be an attempt to white wash and slap the hands of the police department. The head of investigation, Jarris Leonard (head of civil rights division of the Justice Dept.) has stated to an ACLU lawyer that "the Panthers are hoodlums. We've got to get rid of them", when he was asked about why Bobby Seale was being persistently persecuted for making a speech in Chicago at the time of the Democratic Convention.

So we know that the struggle has moved to a higher level as far as Black people and the Black Panther Party is concerned, that the people are getting much closer to the Black Panther Party and acting as one with the Party.

At the same time the government is moving in an attempt to give the illusion that the Justice Department that part of the pig force, part of the government, has no say, has no relationship to any of the actions of other parts of the pig department. This Justice Department investigation is an example; an attempt to give the illusion that the federal government is being objective and is divorced from the repression that the Panthers are facing when the facts are that Nixon has ordered the extermination of the Black Panther Party under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover. (FBI)

In Los Angeles when the Metro squad attacked the Black Panther Party headquarters with M-14s and M-16s, standard equipment for Vietnam, their fire was directed by FBI agents. So Los Angeles in essence was an FBI action. In spite of this, 11 people in one office held off over 300 pigs for five hours in an amazing gun battle and were able to negotiate with the pigs when their ammunition was low, to bring in the news media so they would not be executed when they had to surrender.

So, once again, the Black Panther Party has shown the people the correct methods of struggle, the correct methods of resistance. When eleven brave revolutionaries can hold off 300 pigs for five hours with a limited supply of ammunition- what can an entire Black community do in defending itself against the oppression of the pig force.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Cappy Pinderhughes
Lt. of Information
New Haven Chapter
Black Panther Party

Another Fascist Frame-Up

On May 12, 1969 Ralph "Buda" Cobb was arrested on the streets of Jersey City by pig Whalens fascist storm troopers. Brother Buda was arrested for an alleged kidnapping of a rabbi's aide in Newark, New Jersey. Ralph is out on $5,000 bail. In addition to kidnapping charges he was charged with possession of marjuana which was placed on his person by the Jersey City pigs. The bail which resulted from this charge was $500.

This incident of blatant lies and harassment is only a nation wide attempt by this fascistic power structure to destroy the members of the Black Panther Party and in turn destroy the Black Panther Party itself.

Ralph Cobb goes to trial Jan. 12, where he faces three indictments at Essex county Hall of Records. One pig by the name of Antell will testify against Ralph. This pig was noted for trying to deny Ralph his right to counsel of his choice. But we say that the will of the people is greater than the mans technology, and brother Ralph was granted the counsel of his choice. Ralph goes to trial in a pig court room in front of a fascist judge. We all see through the example of Chairman Bobby's trial that these mad pigs will not give any Black man justice in these rotten decaying courts, but we as always will take our case to the people.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

SLIPSHOD NIGGERS

The people all over this country are getting hip to the bulls--t that the pig power structure is coming down with Black, Red Brown, Yellow and White. The Black Panther Party is meeting some of the basic necessities of Black and other oppressed people through our Programs across the nation. Proving that socialism serves the people.

There are righteous brothers and sisters being murdered and incarcerated in concentration camps around fascist Babylon. Brothers like Bobby Hutton, Bunchy Carter, John Huggins, Tommy Lewis, Jake Winters, Walter Torre Pope, Fred Hampton, and others have given their lives for Black and other oppressed people. The fascist Amerikkkan government has incarcerated righteous Political prisoners of War, such as Huey P. Newton, our Minister of Defense, Bobby Seale, our Chairman, the N.Y. 21, Conn. 14. Chicago 16. L. A. 18. Charles Bursey, Landon and Rory and many more beautiful warriors of the people.

All these dedicated servants of the people are being ripped off and the people in most parts of the country are ready to stand up and fight for what is theirs. The Black Panther Party is the peoples vanguard, but in N.Y. niggers are still finger popping and wearing blue shop knits and gator boots, or getting hung up in waiting for some spirit to answer their prayers. There are only a few words I can give you:

In Nigger Town one day
Four little children kneeled to pray
---In Jesus name
Boom!
Four little children gone
And Jesus NEVER came-
Bunchy

Now you know I as a servant of the people can only feel one way..
For a slave of natural death who dies
cannot balance out two dead flies
I'd rather be without the shame
A bullet lodged within my brain
If I were not to reach our goal
Let bleeding cancer torment my soul-
Bunchy

In every demonstration held for the N.Y. 21 there were more White people than Black people down at the courts. That's a damn shame. The 21 because they were serving the people of N.Y. were ripped off, Black warriors fighting for our freedom. Every time the community was informed about the demonstrations, I hear, Right on, I'll be there, and what happens nothing. In the biggest Black colony in fascist Babylon, nothing. So get up off your rusty dustys and do something.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Harlem Branch
Black Panther Party

K.C. Chapter Opens Liberation School

We are a part of the masses and without them there is no struggle. The masses have boundless creative power. The Kansas City Chapter is implementing a Peoples Liberation School, following Point No. 5 of our 10 Point Platform which says: We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want an education that teaches us our true history and role in this present day society.

Seeing that the people of Babylon are not receiving the kind of education that is revelant to their present day society, the Party will educate the people and develop the necessary political awareness. Just as the Party feeds the hungry children with Free Breakfast in the morning, we will feed their minds in the evening with Liberation. Just as the Party clothes the people with Free Clothing Programs, we will clothes their minds with their struggle for liberation.

SEIZE THE TIME
Kansas City Chapter

A LETTER FROM A POLITICAL PRISONER

January 6, 1970

All Power to the People!
Power my Sisters and Brothers and Comrades:

Right on, I have heard of the beautiful work you are doing on the Panther 21 freedom fighter's of New York and the world. Power. I am one of the 21 of brothers and sisters, who the pigs have in this racist pig pen. But my people are the one's not I, because I am only a very small part of the struggle. The masses of people are beginning to move in a very revolutionary way. Our bodies are in jail but our souls and spirits are free. As brother Malcolm X and other Black revolutionaries going back into history. So my spirit as a revolutionary here in racist imperialist America is very high.

Power comrades of the Black Panther Party, I would like to say please study hard and learn from our mistakes. Correct them as you see them or as you come to them. Be good workers and freedom fighters for the people, because my sisters and brothers the time for revolution is here., and the masses need strong revolutionaries, So All Power To The People.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
Lee Roper

An Injury To One Is An Injury To All

January 9, 1970

Western Addition Community Organization
1500 Post Street, San Francisco, California 94109

Mr. Wilbur Hamilton, Project Director
Western Addition A-2 Office
San Francisco Redevelopment Agency
762 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On January 5 at the WACO Steering Committee meeting it was moved, seconded and carried that WACO support the Black Panther Party in their request for a suitable location on Fillmore Street.

The Black Panther Party has done a commendable job in bringing unity in the Western Addition, especially in their work with the youth and the Free Brakfast Program for School Children. The Western Addition needs and wants the Black Panther headquarters in a location that is central to this community, a location where they can best serve the needs of this community. We expect the Redevelopment Agency to act in the best interest of the Western Addition by granting the Panthers the location they need.

Thank you for promptly expediting this request.

Sincerely,
Charles L. Turner
Chairman - WACO

CLT/cj
cc: Don Cox, Field Marshall, Black Panther Party

THE BLACK PANTHER: MIRROR OF THE PEOPLE

Just what is the Black Panther Black Community News Service? Is it something like the bourgeois press, to be read once and then discarded in the nearest trash can, or is it something else--somethin more?

The Black Panther Black Community News



LANDON AND RORY ON THEIR WAY TO COURT IN DENVER, COLORADO

Service, is not just a newspaper in the traditional sense of the word, it's more than that. The Black Panther Black Community News Service is a living contemporary history of our people's struggle for liberation at the grass roots level. It's something to be studied and grasped, and saved for future generations to read, learn and understand.

The Black Panther Black Community News Service tells the story of our people's struggle in the streets. Its story unfolds far from the perfumed parlors of the petty bourgeoisie. It tells the true story of what happens in the concrete inner-city jungles of Babylon when brothers and sisters off the block, workers, and members of the petty bourgeoisie decide to cast aside their petty personal goals and aspirations, and begin to work unselfishly together with a common goal in mind: to serve the people and liberate the colony, by the only means necessary--the GUN.

The history of the Black Panther Black Community News Service, goes back to the first issue printed in 1967 (VOL. I NO. I), back to the vicious murder of Denzil Dowell by fascist gestapo pigs in Richmond, Calif., and documents what happens when the people of the community say "This is enough," decide to arm themselves to put an end to exploitation and oppression and is an objective lesson in the art of self-defense, serving the people, national liberation, and revolution.

The Black Panther documents step by step the actions taken by, and programs instituted by the Black Panther Party in its unstoppable drive to serve the people; and documents before the whole world the repression and murders committed by Amerikkka's corrupt monopoly capital in its dastardly attempts to stop this move to institute people's power.

The Black Panther Black Community News Service, tells how our courageous Minister of Defense, Huey P. Newton, the baddest brother to ever step into history, stood up in the bowels of fascist Amerikkka with a shotgun in his hands and told those murderous mad dogs who occupy our community like a foreign army: "My name in Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party. I'm standing on my constitutional right to bear arms to defend my people. If you shoot at me pig, I'm shooting back." And thus his courageous example moved the struggle of our people to a higher level--from throwing rocks and bottles, to arming themselves for survival. The Black Panther teaches the people the strategic means for resisting the power structure.

The Black Panther Black Community News Service, tells how the correct examples of the Party, led by Huey P. Newton, spread like wildfire throughout fascist Amerikkka--as exemplified by Detroit and Newark--and how on the morning of October 28, 1967, two night-riding greasy Oakland pigs tried to murder our Minister of Defense from ambush. It also tells how that attempt failed and one pig, Frey went to the pig sty in the sky, and the other one, Haines, somehow received three bullet holes.

The Black Panther documents for all humanity to see, how the wretched slaves of Amerikkka moved fearlessly to establish ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. It also shows how the forces of reaction perfected their ambushed and murdered Li'l Bobby, Robert, Tommy, Steve and other Party members in attempts to stop us. The weekly issues of The Black Panther also shows how people who will be free refuse to be either cowed or intimidated by death, imprisonment or exile, and continue to develop and expand. It is a lesson in the objective truth, that the spirit of the people is indeed greater than the man's technology. The best that humanity possesses will never yield to any oppressor.



LANDON WILLIAMS--POLITICAL PRISONER, BLACK PANTHER PARTY



LANDON WILLIAMS AND RORY HITHE OF THE CONNECTICUT 14, NOW BEING HELD PENDING EXTRADITION TO CONNECTICUT ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES IN DENVER COUNTY JAIL.

Issue by issue the people's revolutionary struggle for national salvation unfolds in the pages of THE BLACKPANTHER COMMUNITY NEWS SERVICE, free from the distortion, bias, and lies of the oppressor controlled mass media. The People's paper tells how starting out with nothing, the People's Party, The Black Panther Party, moved with the people to implement Free Breakfast Programs to feed our hungry children, Free Health Clinics to care for the sick, Free Clothing Programs to clothe our needy, Liberation Schools to educate our youth, and Community Centers to keep the community informed; and how with each meal served, with each child clothed, and with each bandage applied, we were attacked wilder and wilder--Fred Hampton and Mark Clark murdered in their sleep by Chicago's thin blue line on December 4, 1969 and the L.A. office attacked by 400 crazed pigs on December 8, 1969 (VOL. IV NO. 2).

The Black Panther Black Community News Service, is not only a history of the people's growth, but also the pigs fanatical repression as they near total destruction. The Black Panther documents and indicts Amerikkka for the fascist police state that it is, attempting to crush all dissent by force.

The Black Panther Black Community News Service, when put together is a glorious living history, a testament to the fact that no matter how the pigs try to stop us, the people will be free; clearly points out that all the wild attacks by the pigs is like a fool picking up a rock only to drop it on his own foot; and gives proof of the objective truth that oppression only creates resistance.

The Black Panther Black Community News Service, is a living, breathing history that continues each and every day. Each new issue has its message, its lessons to be learned, its objective truth.

No! The Black Panther Black Community News Service, is not an ordinary newspaper. It is the flesh and blood, the sweat and tears of our people. It is a continuation of the story of the middle passage, of Denmark Vessy, of Nat Turner, of Harriet Tubman, of Malcolm X, and countless other oppressed people who put freedom and dignity beyond personal gain. The Black Panther Black Community News Service, is truly a mirror of the spirit of the people

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RORY AND LANDON INSIDE COURTROOM



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former South Korean Airmen Who Came Over to the Northern Half of the Republic Interviewed by Home Reporters in Pyongyang

Korean Central News Agency, Pyongyang

Airmen Yu Byong Ha and Choe Sok Man who served a South Korean aviation company before coming over to the northern half of the Republic on December eleven with a "ye-eleven" plane against the U.S. imperialists' aggression and anti-popular reactionary rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, were interviewed by home reporters in Pyongyang on December 20.

Present there were many reporters of the Korean Central News Agency, The Korean Central Broadcasting Committee, Rodong Sinmun, Minju Choson, Pyongyang Sinmun and other organs of the press.

The press conference proceeded in a free and cheerful atmosphere from beginning to end for the joy of the real kindred meeting at one place after a separation of more than two decades.

Follows the accounts of the press conference:

Chairman: We are today having a really glad meeting. Now we begin a press conference with messrs. Yu Byong Ha and Choe Sok Man, former South Korean airmen who courageously came over to the northern half of the Republic with the airplane on December eleven against the cursed colonial policy of the U.S. imperialist aggressors in South Korea and the anti-popular reactionary rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their stooge.

Allow me, first of all, to extend, on behalf of the comrade journalists present here, warm congratulations and fervent greetings to Messrs, Yu Byong Ha and Choe Sok Man who have done such patriotic deeds.

Present at this press conference today are many reporters of various press organs including the Korean Central News Agency, The Korean Central Broadcasting Committee, Rodong Sinmun, Minju Choson and Pyongyang Sinmun.

We hope you tell us many good words at this significant meeting of kindred who had been separated from each other for a long time.

Have you anything to say first messrs, Airmen?

Yu Byong Ha: Allow me to say first a few words of greetings.

Present here now our hearts are overflowing with infinite emotion and joy. It is common to all to grope for light in darkness, I believe.

Sitting here with you, having come over resolutely to the north as we had decided to seek light, we feel unbounded happiness, infinite pride and boundless glory of having been embraced at last in our genuine fatherland, in the warm bosom of our great Premier Kim Il Sung, and we find it hard to repress our surging joy over your warm hospitality.

Choe Sok Man: I fully share the sentiments just told by Mr. Yu Byong Ha. Moreover from the very moment I set foot in the northern half, I felt with a surge of warmth in my heart the infinite pride of having been born a Korean and felt afresh immense pride of our having such wonderful fatherland, when we witnessed with our own eyes the dazzling reality of the literal remaking of the world carried out under the sagacious leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, whom we had always adored.

I am now enveloped in unbounded emotion, I now feel as if I were a "triumphant general".

Chairman: Right you are.

You have done really righteous deeds, messrs, Please have a talk with each other now.

A reporter of Rodong Sinmun: We are also infinitely happy to sit here with you messrs.

Not only we but the entire people of the northern half sincerely and warmly congratulate you on your patriotic coming to the north. We should be much obliged if you could tell us, to begin with, the motive of your coming to the north.

Choe Sok Man: The motive of our coming to the north is, in a word, that we could not discard the national conscience of the Koreans and that we could no longer tolerate the tragic reality of South Korean society which has been turned into a colony of the American villains. In South Korean society we once served in the army and lived as civilians at another time.

Everything striking our eyes evoked irrepressible national wrath in us who had received a certain degree of higher education and tried to judge things somewhat fairly. The land is Korea, but it is the American rascals who lord it over there, and such despicable human rubbish as Pak Jung Hi serve the Yankees as their dogs.

These days even japs are being ushered in there and Koreans are not treated as human-beings, the American and Japanese rascals having the field to themselves everywhere in South Korean society. The American rascals say they "aid" South Korea, but, in fact, it is none other than the American rascals who hold all real power in South Korea.

How can a man of national conscience see without a fire of fury in his eyes the South Koreans undergoing maltreatment and hunger and suffering from non-rights under the colonial rule of the American rascals?

We became conscious that we could never live any longer the way we did in that corrupt South Korean society.

So we decided to come to the Northern half of the Republic where Premier Kim Il Sung administers the affairs of the state, the land we had always looked up to as the beacon of hope.

I felt fresh strength in my hand holding the control stick when I veered to the North in the air, determined to carry out our plan. This was not the feeling of me alone, but the sentiments shared by us all coming to the North.

Yu Byong Ha: That's true.

Anyone who has a shred of national conscience cannot live even a day in such South Korean society where the American rascals are lording it over there and they decide everything.

The rascals hold power in politics, economy and even in the cultural domain and completely seize the prerogative of supreme command in the affairs of defense. And the Pak Jung Hi clique, a dog of the American rascals, resort without hesitation to a most brutal fascist rule to conceal the aggressive design of the American rascals.

They wantonly arrest anyone who utters a word of peaceful unification and throw into jail unquestioningly one who praises the Northern half. Yet they are loud-mouthed about "freedom" and "democracy". But, what freedom and democracy can there be in South Korea infested with special agents and informers everywhere? No wonder even the politicians of opposition conservative parties lament that "democracy has come to an end." And the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique send to Viet Nam



YU BYONG HA, AND CHOE SOK MAN; FORMER SOUTH KOREAN AIRMEN

a large number of South Korean youths and students to die dog's deaths as shell-shields of the American rascals, practise irregularities and dream of money-making through shady graft. And he is madly driving at staying in office for a long term, even fabricating the "constitutional amendment for third-term election" by irregular method, defying the demonstrations of numerous students and people against it.

He who served the japs yesterday as an officer wearing a sword at his side, shouting "Long live the emperor!" has turned today into a dog of the American rascals and is running about wildly in South Korea in the "presidential" hat put on his head by the rascals. We could under no circumstances live in South Korea, bearing the disgustful sight of that mangy rogue strutting about on his high horse.

A reporter of KCNA: Would you tell us please the details of how you could come over here so easily when the guard of the American rascals and their stooges was strict?

Choe Sok Man: Let me answer the question first.

Their watch and guard in South Korea is strict, to be sure. But, there is nothing impossible when we are once firmly determined.

Already when we were in the army, me and Mr. Yu Byong Ha were familiar acquaintances and we always shared the wish to come over to the Northern half of the Republic. We watched for a chance on many occasions, but could not attain our aim, conditions still faulty.

On December Elewen, as luck would have it, I chanced to be flying back from Kangrung in the same team with Mr. Yu Byong Ha. From the geographical point of view, as you know Kangrung was a point favourable for coming here, being near from the North.

It was cloudy that day. Cloudy sky provides a good screen for hiding the plane.

As far as I remember, it was about twelve hours twenty-seven minutes when we took off at the Kangrung airfield, from where we flew some distance toward Seoul. Because, the plane was yet outside the cloud. Had we taken a Northern course from the start, it might have excited suspicion among those who were watching us in the airfield.

So we flew for some time in the direction of Seoul and when we came near the Taegwan-ryong mountain range, the plane flew in the cloud. There we veered to the North and kept flying straight to the eastern coast, giving a wide berth to the mountain area.

A reporter of the Korean Central Broadcasting Committee: How far is it from Kangrung to the Taegwan-ryong?

Choe Sok Man: More or less fifteen miles, I suppose.

The speed being low for some time after the plane takes off, it takes six or seven minutes to reach the Taegwan-ryong.

Chairman: Do you have anything to say, Mr. Yu Byong Ha?

Yu Byong Ha: Mr. Choe Sok Man has just told you the details. We had tried from long ago to find a chance of coming here, looking up to the Northern land as the beacon of hope. And on December Elewen, Mr. Choe Sok Man and I thought we should not let the chance go.

Chairman: We have heard at length about the motive of messrs. Airmen's coming to the North. If you have any other questions, ask them.

A reporter of Rodongja Sinmun: Hearing about the motive and details of your coming to the North, we marvel anew at your patriotism and boldness.

On this occasion, we hope to hear from you more detailed accounts of the South Korean situation as you saw yourselves.

Yu Byong Ha: Well, in a word, the poor live in dire poverty and the rich roll in wealth, and they are as far from each other as heaven from earth.

Choe Sok Man: The overwhelming majority of the population are poor, the rich numbering hardly one thousand people. You may well imagine for yourselves the actual living conditions of the South Korean people.

Yu Byong Ha: In South Korea those without money and power cannot earn a living, however hard they may try. It is a miracle one may say, that the workers, peasants and lower-grade public servants are keeping their body and soul together.

Is there any need to mention the lot of the unemployed? Now in South Korea, the unemployed and semi-unemployed are simply countless, and the streets teem with the unemployed and beggars.

No wonder, in South Korea, university graduates hawk candy and high-ranking officers become street porters after demobilization. Be that as it may, people go to hospitals not to get medical treatment but to sell blood. Was there any other such land of darkness in the east or west, in the ancient or modern age?

It is not without reason, I think, that South Korea is called the "kingdom of poverty".

A reporter of Minju Choson: Tell us please about the corrupt life led by the well-clad and well-fed landlords, comprador capitalists and reactionary bureaucrats, the U.S. imperialists' lackeys in magnificent houses, when the South Korean people are thus languishing in famine and poverty.

Yu Byong Ha: Their life is, indeed, poles apart from the life of the common people. They squander hundreds of thousands of won in one evening in gay quarters. Pak Jung Hi the villain, it is said, has millions of dollars or tens of millions of dollars deposited on the sly in U.S. and Japanese banks, and the exact sum no one knows. South Korea is widely known as a "Land of Irregularities and Corruption".

Embezzlement and stealing is an everyday story in South Korea. They are solely interested in feathering their own nests by raking money in every possible way, sucking the blood of the people and selling the country to the U.S. and Japanese rascals, and this is the reality of South Korea.

Pak Jung Hi the rascal talks about "Clean-up of Corruption" in an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the people. But how can corruption be cleaned up when this rascal himself is a big robber? Only when the upper stream is clean, so is the lower stream.

Choe Sok Man: Truth to tell, South Korea today is a land where a handful of "privileged circles" living on the bread crumbs falling from the American table roister and swagger. Our South Korean people, the legitimate master of this land, live in intolerable humiliation.

A reporter of Rodong Chongnyon: Recent reports indicate that the infiltration of the Foreign Monopoly capital into the South Korean economy is very alarming. I hope to hear what your view is on this, messrs.

Yu Byong Ha: An airman by profession, I have no deep knowledge of economic problems. But, it is already a common sense that the inducement of the foreign capital has ruined South Korea.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have brought in foreign capital, without restrictions, and now it far surpasses the two thousand million dollar mark, I was told. There is a vociferous public opinion about South Korea sitting on a heap of debts

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CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

From December 25th to the 28th, 1969, a conference was held in Algiers hosted by the Algerian government for support of the Palestinian Liberation Struggle. Progressive forces from all over the world attended including representatives of all Palestinian Liberation Support Committees. On the 2nd day of the symposium, the assembly was addressed by Abu Hassan, leader of the Palestinian delegation and representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Hassan said "the objective conditions necessary to bring Zionism into capital context springs from imperialism. Israel is not only the spearhead of imperialist interests in the Arab region but international Zionism and colonization have become allies. The Palestinian Liberation Organization is going to liberate the Jews who have nothing so that they can live as an integral part of Palestine. People everywhere are taking up arms against colonization and the Palestinian people are proud to be part on the struggle against America and world imperialism. Today after five years of armed struggle, the Palestinians have achieved their major objective--proving that imperialism can be crushed and that technology can be defeated. Universal revolution against colonization has become unavoidable, thus the fight in Palestine is a fight against colonization and victory means a victory for all oppressed people.

The next speaker was Yassar Arafat, political spokesman of Al Fat'h who related to the Palestinian struggle of 20 years and the barbarous methods which have included destruction of half the dwellings, mass genocide and brutality. He stated the effects of occupation to be (1) dreadful campaigns against the people by Zionists, and (2) raiding of thousands of dwellings, arresting 16,000 Palestinians and general repression. Arafat included in this general repression the sabotage of the national economy, the seizing of land and carrying out of scorched earth policy, depriving the population of the necessities of life and destruction of culture and civilization by undertaking acts of aggression and extermination and throwing aside the principles of justice and equality between Arabs and Jews. Arafat ran down how the Palestinian people have waited 24 years for a decision to be made by the U.N. and other international groups; the people have called for international help and found only indifference so that the only way to liberate their country was to take up arms. He ended by saying that "any attempts to make a type of peaceful agreement represents for the Palestinian people a kind of surrender so that the Palestinian people will fight with guns in one hand and peace branch in the other till they gain real peace and freedom.

Arafat was followed by representatives of other liberation movements first to speak was the representative from A.N.C. who gave a historical explanation of the situation in Palestine and all connections between Israel, the United States, Great Britain, France and South Africa. The A.N.C. speaker spoke of the struggle in South Africa and its complexities and voiced complete support for the struggle of the Palestinian people. Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party, was the next speaker. The Black Panther Party's Minister of Information voiced the absolute support of the Black Panther Party for the Palestinian people's just struggle against international Zionism and went on to explain that "the Party did not arrive at this position after having read" but that the stand came as an outgrowth of practical knowledge. Eldridge went on to explain that "Black people in Babylon were being blocked by forces we did not understand. We found there were certain people within the United States who wanted to define our struggle for us." He said "Black people are not anti-Semitic as we have been previously called "but that we are anti-imperialism and slavery because these are the things we have suffered from. He closed by saying, "No longer can Zionists point to the bones of the victims of the Nazis and blind us to the pile of bones they are making out of the Palestinian people."

On Sunday, the Ambassador of South Viet Nam to Algeria spoke on the support of the Vietnamese people for the struggle of the Palestinian people to be total, especially as regards American imperialism. He called for complete withdrawal of all troops from territory illegally occupied by imperialist aggressors against the Palestinians. The Vietnamese Ambassador went on to describe the just cause of the Vietnamese struggle. For more than 15 years, the U.S. has intervened and perpetrated acts of aggression against the Vietnamese and the major objective is to change South Vietnam into bases and make it a spearhead for attacks against all of Southeast Asia. Although the U.S. has used atomic bombs, napalm, and phosphorus bombs, and arrested all political leaders, Vietnamese are defeating the imperialist aggression of the U.S. From 1968 to September of 1969, there has been general unheaval with forces killing more than a million U.S. troops and destroying 10 thousand planes and helicopters, more than 3 thousand pieces of heavy military equipment and 2 million tons of ammunition. In July, 1969, the elected Provision Government was upheld and Revolutionary Peoples Councils exist in all towns. The total war losses on the American side in Viet Nam are now said to equal those of the U.S. during World War II. Even though 126 battalions are in Saigon, the people's force have broken through the enemy's defense lines. He quoted Ho Chi Minh in his political testament as saying-------- "As long as we have differences, we will pursue. The population of North and South Viet Nam will be gathered together in a small nation which through valid struggle has defeated imperialism-- American and French--will have made a contribution to the victory of all oppressed people." He concluded by saying "despite the number of population if a people have decided to fight with a just cause with the support of all other progressive peoples, these people will surely win even against imperialism. If every people decide to win their freedom, their liberation, they will surely win.

The elected chairman of the conference, Abu Hassan, representative of P.L.O. then spoke in answer to the Viet Namese ambassador. He said "the Palestinian struggle is but an extension of Viet Namese struggle against imperialism. The Viet Namese people have set the example for all people that all obstacles can be overcome and any force can be defeated even imperialism. Palestinians have opened a 3rd front against imperialism; particularly American imperialism.

Two messages were then read: The first from the Viet Namese Democratic Republic hailed the Palestinian struggle against imperialism and welcome the victory achieved by Palestinian people. It further insisted upon the continued support of Viet Nam for the Palestinian people; the second message came from the Portuguese Liberation Front which said "the Portuguese Liberation Front is anti-fascist and anti-colonization which are the forces in Portugal. Solidarity with struggle of Palestinian people and Viet Namese people against imperialism as in Angola, Mozambique, and South Africa: the enemy is always the same--imperialism. We must create a United Front against imperialism.

The conference was the scene of plans for future action in support of the Palestinian Liberation struggle and perhaps one of the most important decisions was the setting up of a permanent headquarters in Algiers from the support committees. The conference was closed with solidarity pledged to the struggle of the Palestinian people against Zionists invaders and against world imperialism, especially American imperialism which is the force moving behind all other imperialists in the world.

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ERITREA...THE LITTLE KNOWN STRUGGLE

The people of Eritrea have been waging armed struggle against the Ethiopian lackey, Haile Selassie, and his master, American imperialism, since 1961 and the world outside of Africa knows very little about their struggle--the Eritrean people have fought and continue to fight for their liberation in a vacuum, for the mass media has succeeded in blocking the entire story of these brave people's struggle. Americans know nothing about Eritrea and will never find it on the modern maps: the U.S. refuses to recognize Cuba and, what is commonly called, Red China but at least they can be seen on maps- we know of their existence--but where is Eritrea?

Eritrea is now to everyone, except the Eritreans, part of Ethiopia, but it was not and will not always be known as part of the land ruled by traitor, Haile Selassie, part of one of the most backward countries in Africa under so-called self-rule, and a location for an American nuclear military base.

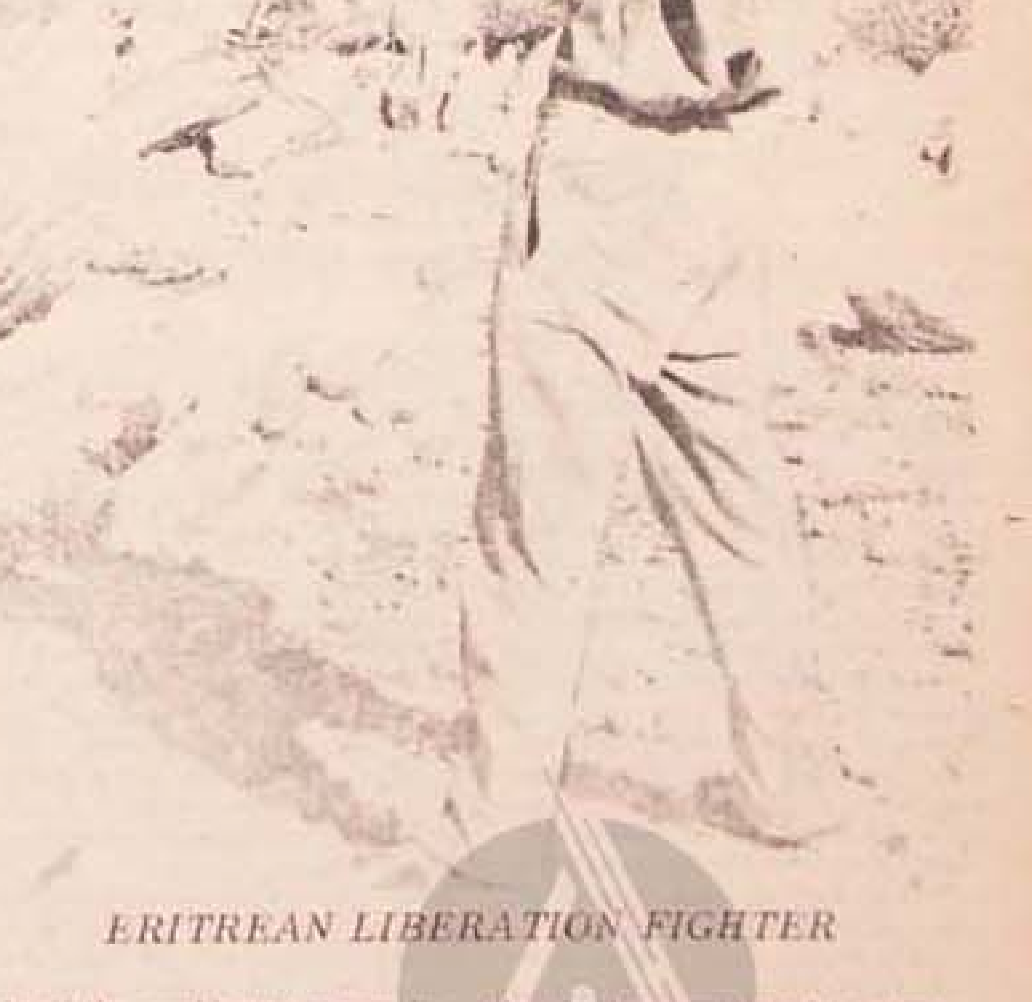
Eritrea was an Italian colony until America and its 'allies' defeated Italy and stripped away all Italian colonial possessions at the end of World War II. Eritrea was then made a protectorate of the United Nations and promised her independence, but instead the U.N. pushed by the United States and Great Britian made Eritrea part of Ethiopia. That was 1951 and not wishing to cause Africans to fight Africans, the Eritreans tried to negotiate--Haile Selassie negotiated, but with the United States so that in 1952 Eritrea, under an agreement signed by Haile Selassie, became the location of a U.S. nuclear-military installation. Still the Eritreans tried to talk, to seek a non-violent solution to their problem. When all their attempts to reach a peaceful settlement failed, they resorted, as ultimately all oppressed people must, to armed struggle. Their war for liberation commenced in September of 1961 sometimes facing American troops from the military base and often seeing their land used by America and Zionists for training troops and as a base from which attacks are launched against the Arab guerrilla forces fighting for the liberation of their homeland, Palestine.



The Eritreans have continued to struggle even though their official languages, Arabic and Tigrini, were banned, even though Americans invaded their soil, even as all their leaders were jailed and deposed from their traditional seats, and as Haile Selassie led Ethiopia backward by allowing himself to be the cover for the American imperialist interests in Africa and Asia.

The stories of the people who have died in the struggle for freedom are countless and that their determination to free their land until now has been unknown but has still continued shows their true strength of will. Under the guidance of the Eritrean Liberation Front, the Eritrean people continue to fight, unknown to most of the America's people who had this entire nation originated in their name, and now have their flag flying over part of that land and whose troops are now helping to maintain the illegal rule of Ethiopia. The Eritrean people will triumph over the boot-licking dog, Haile Selassie, and free themselves from the invasion of U.S. imperialist troops.

American imperialism is doomed to failure and the blows struck by the Eritreans are just the beginning of the final world wide defeat of American imperialism and all of its lackeys. But there must be blows, shots, killings, and explosions.,all are necessary if U.S. imperialism is to be removed from the world and oppression is to be brought to a complete halt. Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out the necessity of oppressed people fighting against the imperialistic forces when he said "the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialists will never quit the arena of history of their own accord. Dreaming of its old positions, imperialism is making desperate efforts to recover its lost footholds and is trying to find a way out in aggression and war to save itself from the doom." People of the world must oppose imperialism and join together to crush U.S. imperialism and all of its flunkies. The imperialists must be stripped of their arms and the will to fight by the overwhelming defeat by the anti-imperialist forces composed of the oppressed people of the world fighting for their freedom."



ERITREAN LIBERATION FIGHTER

Power to those unknown people who have continued to struggle for the freedom of their land Eritrea, the world will know them in their hour of victory.

REVOLUTION UNTIL VICTORY!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Judi Douglas
Deputy Communications Secretary

ARMY SENTENCES BILL BRAKEFIELD

Fort Dix, N J (LNS) -- "There has been testimony about the defendant's non-violent beliefs BEFORE he was put into segregation (solitary), BEFORE he was introduced to all the conditions in the stockade against which he complained so bitterly, "the Army's ambitious young prosecutor purred. He furrowed the brow of his choir-boy face, trying to look eloquent -- he just looked slimy. "It is patently unbelievable that under all these conditions the defendant, Pvt. Brakefield, STILL advocated only more of the same."

Newsmen and spectators look at each other in surprise. Having failed to come up with any substantial evidence that Bill Brakefield had taken part in last June's Fort Dix stockade rebellion--in which 150 GIs tore up their cell blocks, throwing footlockers through windows and setting mattresses aflame -- the prosecutor was now saying that, given stockade conditions, it was "unbelievable" that Brakefield could not have rebelled, Anyone who sat through the last four courts martials of what the Army claims are the rebellion's "ringleaders" would have to agree.

But, as the same prosecutor had repeatedly reminded the court, "The Army and the administration of the stockade are not on trial here. There is only one accused in this case, and that is the defendant." Needless to say, the Army officers on the jury agreed. They sentenced Bill Brakefield to three years at hard labor.

The verdict and sentence were a shock to almost everyone present. One of the MP guards just shook his head. "I just can't see this at all -- how can you put a man away on evidence like that?" says a young military court officer, freshly recruited and still new to the Army way. "The pigs don't need any evidence," says a Black GI, a Vietnam veteran. Even the young bailiff, his head still shaved from basic training, didn't stand up for the officer-jury as they walked out.

Of the 65 GIs in Brakefield's cell block, the army was only able to get two witnesses to testify against him. And all they could definitely say was that Bill had suggested that they take part in the riot. No witness actually testified to having seen Brakefield do anything. In the course of the four related trials, 11 witnesses (nine of them "government witnesses") have testified that the Army tried to either threaten or bribe them into making statements against the "ringleaders." "They said I'd never get out if I didn't make a statement against one of the 'trouble-makers,' "one prisoner had told the court in an earlier trial. "CID (Criminal Investigation Division) and I just made a business deal. They said they'd give me two years off my sentence if I implicated the guys they said they were after," another one had said.

It took courage for the GI-prisoners to stand up under this pressure. A prosecution "star witness" who told the prosecutor, "I forgot what you told me to say to that question," at an earlier trial, is being threatened with perjury charges for not cooperating with the government. They threaten to put him away for five years. "They've shown me the charges but they haven't read them to me officially yet," he explains. "The idea is, if I still testify against the other guys, they'll drop the charges."

It was this kind of solidarity among the stockade inmates that led to the aquittal of Terry Klug and the light sentence (dishonorable discharge) of Thomas Catlow.

The Army's strategy had been to make examples of four of the more politically vocal GIs, and bribe and threaten the rest to be witnesses against them. The fact that the Army had to let two of their four "examples" go is an impressive victory for the stockade GIs who refused to be intimidated, and a bitter defeat for the Army. Particularly upsetting for the Army is the aquittal of Klug, to whom the stockade commander Major Casey admitted having said, "I'm gonna come to your court martial and laugh and laugh."

Bill Brakefield, son of an alcoholic Navy officer, brother of two military men and a former WAC, and veteran of an anti-war sanctuary at City College, told of the stockade conditions that led to the riot, and of his treatment since that time. He was originally in the stockade for refusing to take part, even indirectly, in the Vietnam war. "All my life I'd been an individual -- the Army tries to train people not to think," he explained.

Upon entering the stockade all prisoners are made to lean, spread eagled, up against a bar placed four feet above the ground, while guards searched them. Like most prisoners, Brakefield had his feet kicked out from under him by the guards. "I was lucky, they only did it once to me," he explained.

While practically every prisoner witness at their trials has testified that there is talk of riot every day in the stockade, the Dix rebellion of last June 5 was sparked by the public beating of one prisoner, and the confining to segregation of another (for demanding a water bowl at lunch after the prisoners had been made to stand in formation at parade rest for three hours in the 90 degree June sun.)

Since the rebellion, Brakefield has been kept in segregation. He has suffered constant harassment by guards, and often has been denied access to lawyer, girlfriend or family--even by mail. During his 194-day segregation he alternated for two-week periods between a regular diet and the stockade's famous "disciplinary diet." The disciplinary diet consists of water, bread, cold potatoes and occasional cold vegetables. "One time the doctor came and looked at me through the bars for about three seconds. He then announced that I was fit to go on another 14 days of disciplinary show," Brakefield told the court.

The courts martial -- which have revealed incident upon incident of stockade brutality and of the use of corrupt terror tactics by the Army's Criminal Investigation Division to a disgusted press and which have led to angry editorials about "Army justice" and convictions without evidence -- have been an embarrassment to the Army. But the Fort Dix brass knows that it is sitting on a powder keg, and they dare not let up on the terror that keeps the Army functioning. They simply could not afford to let another one of the "ringleaders" of the Fort Dix 38 off -- evidence or not.

Conditions in the stockade are no accident -- they are symptoms of the Army's larger problem. "The stockade has to seem worse than Vietnam (which is impossible)," says a Vietnam veteran "otherwise no one would go risk their life for that war."

When 10,000 demonstrators invaded the Fort itself in support of the Fort Dix 38, the brass had to bring in troops from Fort Meade to try to defend the Fort. "They knew they couldn't count on us not to join the demonstration.



Politics Are Off Limits For Ft. Lewis

Louisville, Ky.--Staff members from GI Coffeehouses around the country met in Louisville, Ky. from December 28 to January 1 to exchange information on the exploding GI movement within all branches of the Armed Services.

As a first priority, the group organized a national campaign on behalf of the Shelter Half Coffeehouse near Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington. The Shelter Half recently received a notice from the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board stating that action had begun to place the Shelter Half OFF LIMITS to all servicemen. A hearing was set for January 22, at which time the board will make a final decision on the matter.

The Shelter Half released a letter from the military which said, "The board took this action after receiving information that the Shelter Half Coffeehouse is a source of dissident counseling and literature and other activities inimical to the good morale, order and discipline within the Armed Services."

In simplier language, the Army would forbid soldiers to come to the Shelter Half because of the magazines and discussions that go on there. Michael Kennedy, attorney for the Shelter Half noted that the case is unique since the military is now trying to use its off limits powers for political reasons. This means that the Army is telling GI's officially what they can read and who they can talk to on their off duty hours.

The conference, consisting of GI's, civilians, and veterans, discussed actions on and around military bases in response to the move to put the Shelter Half OFF LIMITS. A large demonstration has been planned for January 22, the day of the hearing, and the conference gave notice that "If the Shelter Half is put off limits, Fort Lewis will be put off limits."

Shelter Half staff members speculated that the action was taken because of increasing dissent among GI's on Fort Lewis as indicated by the intense activities of the American Serviceman's Union on base and increasing refusals of soldiers to go to Vietnam and refusals of riot control duty. A statement circulating underground on Fort Lewis and already signed by hundreds of GI's says, "Putting the Shelter Half off limits is not the answer to the morale problem in the Army. The answer is the immediate end to the war in Vietnam and ending the way the rank-and-file enlisted men are treated like animals."

A staff member from the Shelter Half said, "The Army is scared because they can no longer brainwash the men. They think that by keeping GI's from meeting together at the Shelter Half and from reading and talking to civilians, they can make more obedient soldiers. If the Shelter Half is put off limits, the movement in the Army will of course continue, and the Army will look for other "outside agitators" to use as scapegoats. Any organization, churches or even private homes where GI's congregate can be put off limits and probably will be as GI's continue to resist being turned into tools for big business."

For more information, contact the Shelter Half, PO Box 244, Tacoma, Washington 98409, or the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, Headquarters 13th Naval District, Seattle, Washington 98115.

MARINE JOINS N.L.F. ISSUES APPEAL TO BROTHERS

HANOI (LNS) -- A U.S. Marine has left his unit, has joined up with soldiers of the National Liberation Front (NLF), and has issued an open letter to his former comrades-in-arms inviting them to follow him in this ultimate act of GI rebellion.

A dispatch from Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency, identified the rebel Marine as Paul M. Sweeney, serial number 2467056. In his open letter to U.S. servicemen, Sweeney says that "it is necessary to struggle against those people who have sent us to Vietnam, those who keep us here."

Sweeney, who arrived in Vietnam in February, deserted in November while his company was engaged in operations in Thua Thien province.

"I am now in the service of the Vietnamese people in their struggle against the imperialist aggressor," he said in his letter. "You may think I am a traitor to the United States. I am a traitor yes, a traitor to the U.S. of the Rockefellers and the Morgans and all the rest. I have never been nor will I ever be a traitor to the American people, for they are opposed to this brutal war."

He said that soldiers in Vietnam should help the U.S. peace movement. "The first thing you have to do," he said, "is join with and support the movements at home by refusing orders and demanding the withdrawal of troops."

Sweeney also proposed that American soldiers stage a March on Saigon demanding peace. Soldiers from the puppet army will probably join with us, Sweeney said, noting that "Nixon can't fight alone."

Meanwhile, in Saigon, two U.S. soldiers spoke to reporters after being released from captivity by the NLF. Noting their humane treatment, the two GIs vowed that they would never take up arms against the NLF again -- "forever" according to an Associated Press report.

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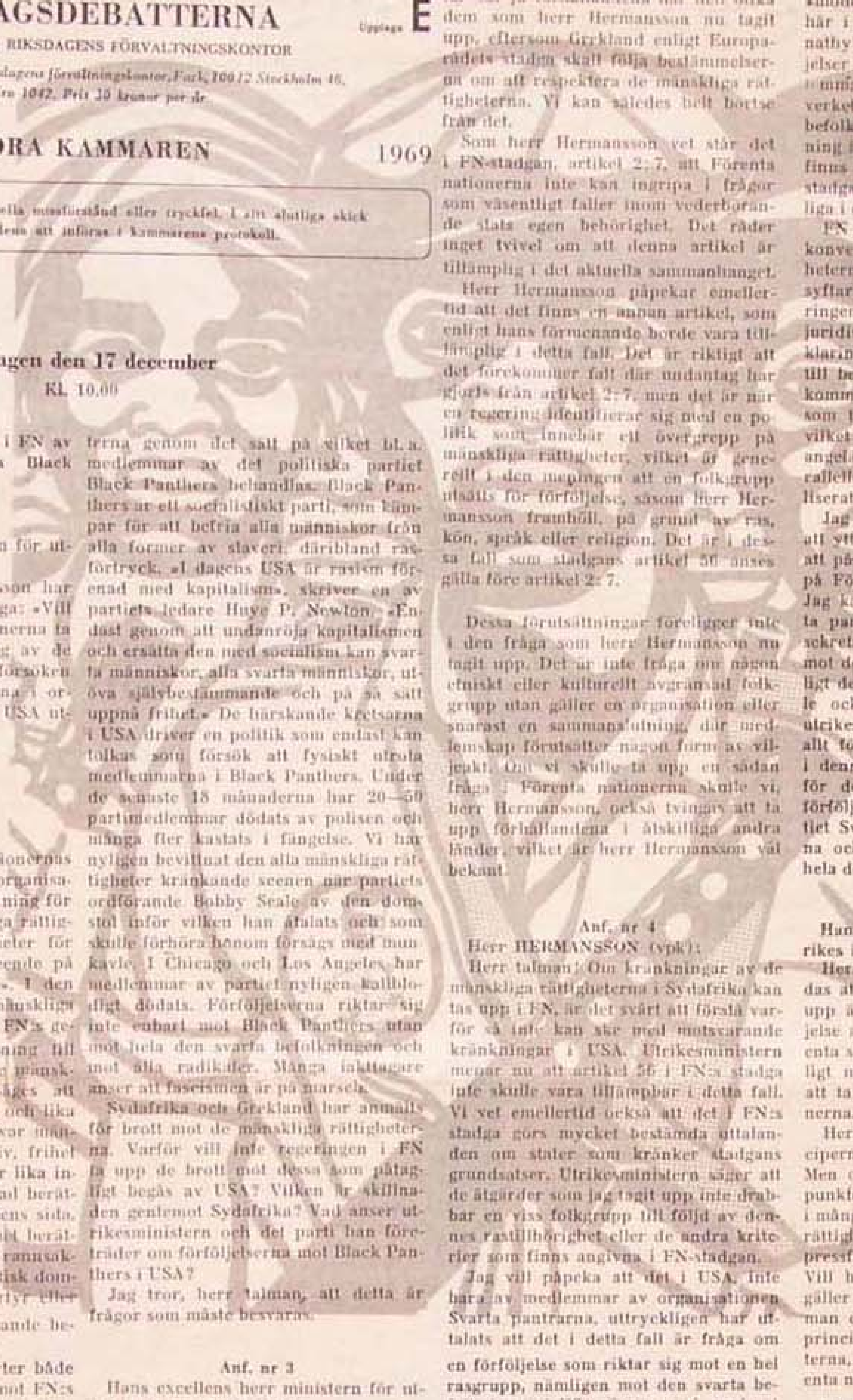
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Anf. nr 1

Hans excellens herr ministern för utrikes ärendena **NILSSON**:

Herr talman! Herr Hermansson har till mig ställt följande enkla fråga: »Vill regeringen inom Förenta nationerna ta upp frågan om den kränkning av de mänskliga rättigheterna, som försöken att fysiskt förinta medlemmarna i organisationen Black Panthers i USA utgör?»

Svaret är nej.

Anf. nr 2

Herr **HERMANSSON** (vpk):

Her talman! I Förenta nationernas stadga, artikel 55, står det att organisationen skall främja »allmän aktning för och respekterande av mänskliga rättigheter och grundläggande friheter för alla utan åtskillnad med avseende på ras, kön, språk eller religion». I den allmänna förklaring om de mänskliga rättigheterna som utfärdats av FN:s generalförsamling och i anslutning till vilken två konventioner om de mänskliga rättigheterna antagits, säges att »alla människor är födda fria och lika i värde och i rättigheter». Envar människa förklaras ha rätt till liv, frihet och personlig säkerhet. Alla är lika inför lagen och är utan åtskillnad berättigade till lika skydd från lagens sida. Envar är under full likställighet berättigad till rättvis och offentlig rannsakning inför oavhängig och opartisk domstol. Ingen må utsättas för tortyr eller grym, omänsklig eller förnedrande behandling eller bestraffning etc.

Amerikas Förenta stater bryter både mot sin egen författning och mot FN:s förklaring om de mänskliga rättigheterna genom det sätt på vilket bl. a. medlemmar av det politiska partiet Black Panthers behandlas. Black Panthers är ett socialistiskt parti, som kämpar för att befria alla människor från alla former av slaveri, däribland rasförtryck. »I dagens USA är rasism förenad med kapitalism», skriver en av partiets ledare Huye P. Newton. »Endast genom att undanröja kapitalismen och ersätta den med socialism kan svarta människor, alla svarta människor, utöva självbestämmande och på så sätt uppnå frihet.» De härskande kretsarna i USA driver en politik som endast kan tolkas som försök att fysiskt utrota medlemmarna i Black Panthers. Under de senaste 18 månaderna har 20—50 partimedlemmar dödats av polisen och många fler kastats i fängelse. Vi har nyligen bevittnat den alla mänskliga rättigheter kränkande scenen när partiets ordförande Bobby Seale av den domstol inför vilken han åtalats och som skulle förhöra honom försågs med munkavle. I Chicago och Los Angeles har medlemmar av partiet nyligen kallblodigt dödats. Förföljelserna riktar sig inte enbart mot Black Panthers utan mot hela den svarta befolkningen och mot alla radikaler. Många iakttagare anser att fascismen är på marsch.

Sydafrika och Grekland har anmälts för brott mot de mänskliga rättigheterna. Varför vill inte regeringen i FN ta upp de brott mot dessa som påtagligt begås av USA? Vilken är skillnaden gentemot Sydafrika? Vad anser utrikesministern och det parti han företräder om förföljelserna mot Black Panthers i USA?

Jag tror, herr talman, att detta är frågor som måste besvaras.

Anf. nr 3

Hans excellens herr ministern för utrikes ärendena **NILSSON**:

Herr talman! Vad Grekland beträffar var ju förhållandena där helt olika dem som herr Hermansson nu tagit upp, eftersom Grekland enligt Europarådets stadga skall följa bestämmelserna om att respektera de mänskliga rättigheterna. Vi kan således helt bortse från det.

Som herr Hermansson vet står det i FN-stadgan, artikel 2:7, att Förenta nationerna inte kan ingripa i frågor som väsentligt faller inom vederbörande stats egen behörighet. Det råder inget tvivel om att denna artikel är tillämplig i det aktuella sammanhanget.

Herr Hermansson påpekar emellertid att det finns en annan artikel, som enligt hans förmenande borde vara tillämplig i detta fall. Det är riktigt att det förekommer fall där undantag har gjorts från artikel 2:7, men det är när en regering identifierar sig med en politik som innebär ett övergrepp på mänskliga rättigheter, vilket är generellt i den meningen att en folkgrupp utsätts för förföljelse, såsom herr Hermansson framhöll, på grund av ras, kön, språk eller religion. Det är i dessa fall som stadgans artikel 56 anses gälla före artikel 2:7.

Dessa förutsättningar föreligger inte i den fråga som herr Hermansson nu tagit upp. Det är inte fråga om någon etniskt eller kulturellt avgränsad folkgrupp utan gäller en organisation eller snarast en sammanslutning, där medlemskap förutsätter någon form av viljeakt. Om vi skulle ta upp en sådan fråga i Förenta nationerna skulle vi, herr Hermansson, också tvingas att ta upp förhållandena i åtskilliga andra länder, vilket är herr Hermansson väl bekant.

Anf. nr 4

Herr **HERMANSSON** (vpk):

Herr talman! Om kränkningar av de mänskliga rättigheterna i Sydafrika kan tas upp i FN, är det svårt att förstå varför så inte kan ske med motsvarande kränkningar i USA. Utrikesministern menar nu att artikel 56 i FN:s stadga inte skulle vara tillämpbar i detta fall. Vi vet emellertid också att det i FN:s stadga görs mycket bestämda uttalanden om stater som kränker stadgans grundsatser. Utrikesministern säger att de åtgärder som jag tagit upp inte drabbar en viss folkgrupp till följd av dennes rastillhörighet eller de andra kriterier som finns angivna i FN-stadgan.

Jag vill påpeka att det i USA, inte bara av medlemmar av organisationen Svarta pantrarna, uttryckligen har uttalats att det i detta fall är fråga om en förföljelse som riktar sig mot en hel rasgrupp, nämligen mot den svarta befolkningen i USA. Även en så moderat ledare — jag använder härvid ordet »moderat» i en annan betydelse än den här i riksdagen vanliga — som Abernathy har nyligen hävdat att de förföljelser av partiet Svarta pantrarnas medlemmar som nu förekommer i själva verket riktar sig mot hela den svarta befolkningen i USA. Om denna uppfattning är riktig — och jag tycker att det finns skäl för den — anser jag att FN-stadgans bestämmelser är fullt tillämpliga i detta fall.

FN har emellertid också antagit två konventioner om de mänskliga rättigheterna. De antogs i december 1966 och syftar till att göra den allmänna förklaringen om de mänskliga rättigheterna juridiskt bindande. Brott mot denna förklaring måste självfallet kunna tas upp till behandling av FN, och detta förekommer också. Om man ser på frågor som tagits upp i FN:s tredje utskott, vilket behandlar sociala och liknande angelägenheter, finner man en rad paralleller till det fall som jag nu aktualiserat.

Jag vill alltså vädja till regeringen att ytterligare undersöka möjligheterna att på något sätt föra upp denna fråga på Förenta nationernas arbetsordning. Jag kan nämna att också partiet Svarta pantrarna vädjat till FN:s generalsekreterare att ta upp de kränkningar mot de mänskliga rättigheterna som enligt dess mening förekommer. Det skulle också vara mycket värdefullt om utrikesministern som talesman framför allt för det socialdemokratiska partiet i denna debatt skulle vilja ge uttryck för den uppfattning han har om de förföljelser, som just nu riktas mot partiet Svarta pantrarna i Förenta staterna och som samtidigt är riktade mot hela den svarta befolkningen.

Anf. nr 5

Hans excellens herr ministern för utrikes ärendena **NILSSON**:

Herr talman! Det kan väl inte bestridas att vad herr Hermansson här tagit upp är vad han betraktar som förföljelse av en politisk organisation i Förenta staterna, men då föreligger det enligt mitt förmenande inte möjligheter att ta upp denna sak i Förenta nationerna.

Herr Hermansson hänvisar till principerna om de mänskliga rättigheterna. Men om vi agerade från den utgångspunkten skulle vi ta upp förhållandena i många andra länder, ty i de mänskliga rättigheterna ingår bl. a. yttrandefrihet, pressfrihet och rätt till partibildning. Vill herr Hermansson att vi, när det gäller förhållandena i många länder där man enligt vår bedömning bryter mot principerna om de mänskliga rättigheterna, skall ta upp också detta i Förenta nationerna?

Överläggningen var härmed slutad.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

From "THE DEBATES OF PARLIAMENT" Stockholm, Sweden

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Second Chamber, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1969, 10 a.m.

Answer to a question concerning the organization The Black Panthers in the U.S.A, to be brought before the United Nations.

Statement No. 1.
His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nilsson (see foot note 1):

Mr. Chairman. Mr. Hermansson (2) has raised the following simple question (3) with me: "Is the government going to bring before the U.N. the question of violations of human rights, which consist of attempts physically to exterminate members of the organization the Black Panthers in the U.S.A.?

The answer is no.

Statement No. 2.
Mr. Hermansson (vpk) (4):

Mr. Chairman: In the United Nations charter, article 55, it reads that the organization is to further "a general regard and respect of human rights and fundamental liberties to all without discrimination in regards to race, sex, language, or religion." In this general declaration of human rights, adopted by the general assembly of the U.N. and in connection with which two conventions about human rights have been adopted, it states that "all men are born free and equal in value and rights". Each individual is declared to have a right to life, liberty, and personal security. All are alike in front of the law and without discrimination have a right to equal protection by the law. Anyone and everyone under full equality has the right to a fair and public trial before an independent and impartial court. No-one may be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or humiliating treatment or punishment, etc.

The United States of America break both their own constitution and the U.N. declaration of human rights by the manner in which, among other things, members of the political party the Black Panthers are treated. The Black Panthers is a socialist party that struggles to free all people from all forms of slavery, including racial suppression. "In present day America racism is combined with capitalism", writes Huey P. Newton, one of the leaders of the party. "Only by eliminating capitalism and substituting for it socialism can Black people, all Black people, be able to practice self - determination and achieve freedom." The ruling circles of the U.S.A. pursue a policy that can only be interpreted as attempts physically to exterminate members of the Black Panthers. During the last 18 months 20-50 party members have been killed by the police and many thrown in jail. Recently we have witnessed a scene where all human rights were violated, when Bobby Seale, the Chairman of the party, was gagged by the court in which he was standing trial and was to be examined. Members of the party have been killed in cold blood in Chicago and Los Angeles. The persecution is not only directed against the Black Panthers but against all of the Black population and all radicals. Many observers think that fascism is on the march.

South-Africa and Greece have been reported for violations of human rights. Why is the government not going to bring before the U.N. the question of the crimes that apparently are committed by the U.S.A.? What is the difference from South-Africa? What does the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the party he represents, think about the persecution of the Black Panthers in the U.S.A.? I believe, Mr. Chairman that these are questions that have to be answered.

Statement No. 3.
His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nilsson:

Mr. Chairman. When it comes to Greece, the conditions there are totally different from what Mr. Hermansson has brought up, as Greece, according to the charter of The European Council, has to follow the regulations concerning the respect of human rights. So we can totally overlook that.

As Mr. Hermansson knows the U.N. charter, article 2:7, says that the United Nations cannot intervene in questions that mainly fall within the respective state's own competence. There is no doubt that this article is applicable in the current context.

But Mr. Hermansson points out that there is another article that, according to his opinion, should be applicable in this case. It is true that there are cases where exceptions from article 2:7 have been made, but that is when a government identifies itself with a policy of violating human rights, which is general in nature, meaning that a group of people are subject to persecution on the basis of race, sex, language, or religion, as Mr. Hermansson pointed out. It is in these cases that article 56 is considered applicable before article 2:7.

But these conditions do not prevail in the case which Mr. Hermansson has has brought up. It is not the question of an ethnically or culturally delimited group of people but concerns an organization or rather a union, where membership is based on some form of act of will. If we were to bring such a question before the United Nations, we would also be forced to bring up conditions in several

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other countries, which is well known to Mr. Hermansson.

Statement No. 4.

Mr. Hermansson (vpk):

Mr. Chairman. If violations of human rights in South-Africa can be brought before the U.N. it is difficult to understand why the same thing cannot be done to the corresponding violations in the U.S.A. The Minister of Foreign Affairs now says that article 56 of the U.N. charter would not be applicable in this case. But we also know that in the U.N. charter there are very definite statements made about the principles of the charter. The Minister of Foreign Affairs says that the measures that I have talked about do not affect a certain group of people because of their racialbelonging or the other criteria mentioned in the U.N. charter.

I want to point out that in the U.S.A. it has explicitly been expressed, not only by members of the Party, "The Black Panther Party", that in this case it is a question of persecution directed against a whole racial group, that is the Black population of the U.S.A. Even such a moderate leader as Abernathy--and I use the word "moderate" in a different sense here from the usual one here in parliament (5)--has recently stated that the now existing persecution of the Black Panther Party in reality is directed against the whole Black population of the U.S.A. If this understanding is correct--which I think there are reasons for--I think that the regulations of the U.N. charter are fully apllicable in this case.

But the U.N. has also adopted two conventions concerning human rights. They were adopted in December of 1966 and have the aim to make the general declaration of human rights juridically binding. Violations of this declaration must of course be brought up for treatment by the UN. and this is also the case. If we look into the questions that have been treated by theThird U.N.Committee, which deals with social and the like matters, we will find several parallels to the case that I have now presented.

I also want to ask the government to look further into the possibilities to bring this question to the working agenda of the United Nations. I can also mention that the Black Panther Party has appealed to the general secretary of the U.N. to take up the violations of human rights that take place, according to their opinion. It would also be very valuable if the Minister of Foreign Affairs, as a spokesman especially of the Social-Democratic Party, in this debate would voice the opinion he has on the persecution of the Black Panther Party in the U.S.A. and which simultaneously is directed against all of the Black population.

Statement No. 5

His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nilsson:

Mr. Chairman. It can hardly be disputed that what Mr. Hermansson has brought up is, what he considers, persecution of a political party in the U.S.A., but then there are, according to my opinion, no possibilities to bring this case before the United Nations.

Mr. Hermansson refers to the principles of human rights. But if we acted from that startingpoint we had to take up conditions in many other countries, as human rights include among other things the right of free speech, the right of the press, and the right to form parties. When it concerns conditions in many countries where, according to our judgment, the principles of human rights are violated, does Mr. Hermansson want us also to bring this before the United Nations?

With this the debate was terminated.

FOOTNOTES:

(1) Torsten Nilsson, representing the governing Social-Democratic Workers Party.

(2) C.-H. Hermansson, Chairman of the Left Party-Communists.

(3) simple question. Any time during the sessions of Parliament an individual member of Parliament can raise a simple question. It is handed in, in written form and must be answered by the minister responsible for that subject area. Simple questions are usually answered within one week. No general debate can follow upon the answer to a simple question. (A general debate on foreign affiars takes place in March in Parliament.)

(4) vpk (Left Party-Communists)

(5) moderate equals conservative. A conservative party formerly called The Right Party recently switched names to The Moderate Assembly Party.

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Men are not innately greedy, nor are they innately uncooperative with each other. Therefore, it is our goal, it is the goal of the Black Panther Party, and must be the goal of all men, to create conditions in which men can start being human, can begin to cooperate with each other, can live with each other, in fact, in peace. Men cannot do this without an arena in which to do so. In other words, in an exploitative system men are forced to exploit. In an unkind system, men are forced to be unkind. In a world of inhumanity, men will be inhuman. In a society that is warmongering, men will war. These are the aspects or the way of life of a people who are part of a capitalist system.

And songs are a part of the culture of society. Art, in general, is that. Songs, like all art forms, are an expression of the feelings and thoughts, the desires and hopes, and so forth, of a people. They are no more than that. A song cannot change a situation, because a song does not live and breathe. People do.

And so the songs in this album are a statement — by, of, and for the people. All the people. A statement to say that we, the masses of people have had a game run on us; a game that made us think that it was necessary for our survival to grab from each other, to take what we wanted as individuals from any other individuals or groups, or to exploit each other. And so, the statement is that some of us have understood that it is absolutely essential for our survival to do just the opposite. And that, in fact, we have always had the power to do it. The power to determine our destinies as human beings and not allow them to be determined by the few men who now determine them. That we were always human and always had this power. But that we never recognized that, for we were deluged, bombarded, mesmerized by the trinkets of the ruling class. And this means all of us: Black, Mexican, White, Indian, Oriental, Gypsy, all who are members of the working class, of the non-working class (that is, those who don't have jobs), all who are oppressed.

This means all of us have this power. But the power only belongs to all of us, not just some or one, but all. And that was the trick. That was the thing we never understood. And that is what statement these songs make.

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Deputy Minister of Information
Southern California Chapter
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By Eldridge Cleaver



From "Revolution and Education"

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FRED HAMPTON, MURDERED BY PIGS

Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton, Drugged Then Murdered

Murder. Premeditated-planned murder. That is what we charged State's Attorney Edward Hanrahan and his policemen with in the deaths of Deputy Chairman Fred Hampton and Defense Captain Mark Clark. And all events and evidence since the raid have supported this contention.

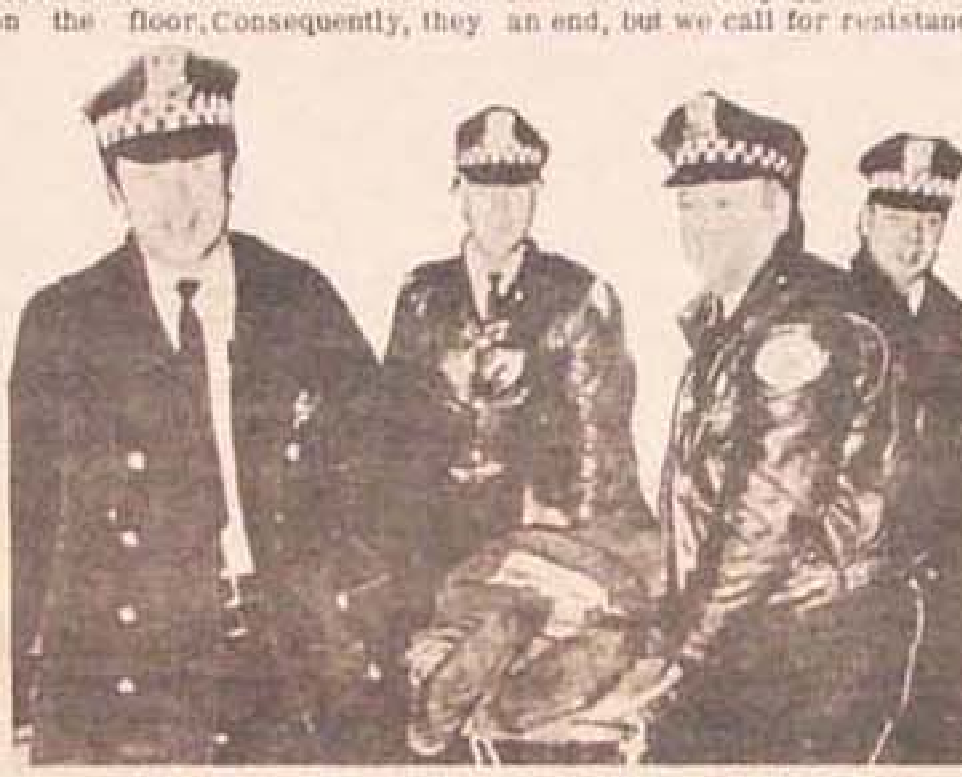
On Monday, January 4, 1970, Ill. Deputy Minister of Defense Bobby Rush released recently acquired information, at a press conference, that Fred had been drugged before his death. Pathologist, Dr. Victor Levine, found between 4.1 and 4.5 per cent of the drug, seconal, present in his body, enough to prevent any man from moving or raising himself from sleep. Thus, not only did the pigs pave their entrance with gun-shot fire and proceed to make Fred's body one of their main targets, but they made sure that he would be asleep (non-resisting) so that they would have no problems killing him. The pigs have obviously taken the motto. "Drug to prevent defense." Lies spread by State Attourney's policemen that Fred Hampton shot a weapon several times, or that he even attempted to do so must be regarded as treacherous prefabrications that go nowhere in blinding us to what really happened. Many consequences can now be seen as a result of this information, all clearly and openly pointing to planned assassination.

On December 11, 1969, Hanrahan released "exclusive" information, to the Chicago Tribune (voice of conservatism and racism) which included four pictures of what he claimed were bullet-holes, resulting from shots fired by persons inside the apartment at the time of the raid. On December 12, 1969, all of Chicago and the world knew, as investigation revealed, that those "bullet - holes" weren't bullet-holes, but were nail holes. Where do the lies end? A more appropriate name for the all time "exclusive" would have been the "news abusive".

About three weeks after the raid, the apartment in which the murders took place was ordered closed by the coroner's office. Why? The explanation given was that it was felt that certain valuable evidence that could be used in court. The fact of the matter is that hundreds of people each day (and the no. was increasing) toured the apartment, noting the shot-up walls, doors, furniture, clothing, and also the blood stains on the mattress and on the floor. Consequently, they Ribbon' jury. The man chosen to preside over the inquest, Martin S. Gerber, has been, as one journalist pointed out, "the biggest detriment to the search for truth," Gerber, (handpicked lackey,) on numerous occassions has taken it upon himself to reply for pig witnesses when they are questioned by attorney's representing the Panthers. Thus, he has been one of the most obvious and chief tools used to cloud the truth.

All of the events mentioned are part of an interwoven tapestry of deceit to conceal the act of murder. But already, the tapestry is shredding, is wearing thin, and the fascist intentiohs are being exposed.

The murders of Fred and Mark, and the manner in which they were murdered, shows very clearly that the power structure utilizes the most depraved men, who in turn utilize the most depraved methods, to eradicate the people's warriors. But we see no reason for this to continue, and call for an immediate end. Not only do we call for an end, but we call for resistance.



SMILING PIGS CARRY FRED'S BODY

FRED HAMPTON-MARK CLARK INQUEST

The Fred Hampton, Mark Clark Inquest began today with obvious attempts by the Daley-Conlisk-Hanrahan pig structure to put a smokescreen over the whole issue.



MARK CLARK, MURDERED BY PIGS

The white-washing, an attempt to justify the actions of Daley and his Irish side-kick Hanrahan, began with the presence of an illegal and, unconstitutional jury. The jury was composed of middle-class senior citizens who have no idea of the trials and tribulations of poor, oppressed, Black people. The constitution guarantees us the right to be tried by a peer group (people from our social, economic, and ethnic communities). But the jury, hand-picked by Daley's lacky coroner Andrew Toman is truly unconstitutional.

In addition to the white-wash jury, Daley/Hanrahan have selected Asst. States Atty. Thomas Heit-a man who last year threatened to quit because of Hanrahan's lies concerning the murder of Michael and John Soto, to cover up the crimes and take the heat off the real murderers, mayor (shoot to kill) Daley and Edward (war on young people) Hanrahan. Monday, the Party discovered evidence showing that Deputy Chairman Fred was drugged before he was murdered. The test was made by a pathologist hired by the Deputy Chairman's family who claimed that "I found between 4.1 and 4.5 percent of seconal present." This is enough to prevent any man from moving or raising himself from a sleep to engage in a shoot-out.

The news conference that was held to disclose this information was blacked out to keep the public from getting this information. We claim that an infiltrator slipped the drug to Fred, because the Deputy Chairman (like all Panthers) didn't use drugs. This also shows that the democrats of Chicago are in cahoots with the republicans of the White House since J. Edgar Hoover admitted that he pays (either money or under threat of incarceration) agents to infiltrate the People's Party.

We are asking the people to come to the inquest and see for themselves that the fascist-racist power structure doesn't respect us or intend to give us due process of law.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Panther, An Epileptic, Seeks His Freedom

New York (LNS) -- As the Panther 21 trial nears, a campaign has been opened to obtain the release of one of the defendants, Lee Berry.

Lee Berry is an epileptic who has been held in maximun security since he was arrested in his bed at the Veterans Hospital last April. He has been denied the medical attention necessary to someone in his serious condition, and has had eight seizures through the last nine months. On one occasion, last August, after he had been given sedatives, he was unable to respond to the demands of guards coming around for a "count". The guards punished him for this failure to respond with a severe beating.

However, it was not until December that he was finally transferred to the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital -- after he had gone into a coma. Shortly afterwards, his wife was informed that he had undergone an emergency appendectomy, and a few days after that she was told that he was under neuro-observation and in critical condition. Police kept his room tightly guarded and he can receive no visitors.

It is clear that while the situation persists, Lee Berry's life is endangered. Lee Berry is in no condition to jump bail; he is not even well enough to begin preparing a defense for his upcoming trial. He must be set free so that he can obtain the medical treatment he requires.

A demonstration was held in front of Bellevue Hospital on Dec. 3, with participants from the Republic of New Africa, Youth Against War and Fascism, the Young Socialist Alliance, the Panthers and other organizations putting forth their demands:

LEE BERRY MUST BE SET FREE

Social Practice Proves To Be The Criterion Of Truth

Dear Brothers,

My name is Sam Alston and I have a subscription with the paper.

Brothers, I need help. I wrote a letter to the editor of my college's paper and quoted Brother Eldridge Cleaver, "The United States is not a democratic power. It is a cruel fascist country...I also quoted this from him, "The American flag and the American eagle are the true symbols of fascism." The President (of the school) is trying to kick me out now because I voiced my belief.

This pig thinks that putting me off campus will stop what I'm starting. He doesn't realize that his actions are proving my point. Dig this, he had the editors confiscate all the papers that were being circulated which had my letter in it.

I need your help brothers because I have no one on campus who will support me, the other Blacks (only 17 in all) don't want to get involved. I have to face this President Pig in their Southern town all alone. But I'm not afraid because we are right and I will never be put down again. But since I don't have anything to were unanimously proclaiming "murder". At this point the coroner's office, with very probable pressure from police officials, felt compelled to close the apartment. The apartment was one of the best educational centers on how fascism is perpetrated.

And this week began the inquest into the deaths of Fred and Mark, by a Cook County (so called) "Blue back me up, this pig is going to trip and kick me out--"Lambuth College doesn't need students like me."

I am going to wave a carbon copy of this letter in his face until I hear from you.

Resistance by the people. Resistance to lies, and deceit, and brutality, and murder. Resistance to terror. Resistance that crushes fascism.

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Sam Alston

P.S. I am sending this letter to the newspaper because I don't know where else to send it.

SHARON: ON PRISON CONDITIONS

While being held captive by the oppressive forces of racist Babylon, in one of their many dungeons; I've witnessed too many overt critical acts of oppression to be silent.

A girl was admitted into the infirmary while kicking an "acid trip." Instead of being locked in a padded cell where she would not hurt herself she was put in a solitary room with a regular steel frame bed. The girl began beating her head violently against the bed frame. A pig on duty called the nurse (Miss Keeler) and told her the girl was killing herself. Keeler states "Let her". Keeler did not go down to the girl's room until 20 minutes later and by that time the girl had beaten her head to the point of compete disfigurcation - all you saw was blood all over everywhere...the girl died before she reached the hospital.

An epileptic has to have a siezure before receiving any medication, and even then its doubtful that you'll receive it regularly. Two girls in the same ward had seizures everynight. We requested a tongue depressor from the so-called nurse and she stated that if they need anything to push the "call" button, (which they never answer). All night one had a seizure and we turned on six "call" buttons and banged on the door, no one came at no time during the night-we ended up using a tooth brush stick to make sure the girl didn't bite off her tongue.

When inmates go up to the infirmary for their regular medication they often find that one of the nurses tore up her medication card. This prevents them from receiving any medicine. If you should, by chance end up in "lock-up"--you may eat cheese sandwitches, if you eat at all. You share your 2X4 cell with 2 other people (2 of whom sleep on the floor). I was there - for five days I was there because I was told to sleep on a top bunk and I refused (under my doctor's orders). I couldn't climb up due to the fact that my ribs were severely bruised by the pigs and I was in constant pain. While there I was taken off my medication and by the time I got out I was almost too weak to stand up and my legs were so swollen I could hardly walk.



Sharon Williams

On one occasion I was called down to the attorney's room and was told my attorney was there to see me and to go into Booth #1. I did and turned around to to find 7 LAPD pigs blocking the doorway. One held up a camera and I quickly did an about - face, facing the wall. I stated, "You're not gonna take my picture without my lawyer here." One pig said, "We don't have to put up with this. We can have you beaten, thrown into a padded cell and send up a roll of film. Or would you rather go back to lock-up." I continued facing the wall, when four of them grabbed me and held me down while another took about 10 pictures of this attack.

Pigs are always gonna be pigs. You got to watch them. Watch them closely because they are the criminals, the biggest crimin on the face of Babylon. We are hip to you pigs, and you could never take away our spirit, because that spirit is manifested in the people.

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